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BRITISH FLEET READY FOR IMPORTANT ACTION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

By WALLACE CARROLL
Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, MAR. 26 (UP).—BRITISH SOURCES TO-DAY INDICATED THAT THE EMPIRE'S FLEET, MATERIAL AND TROOP DISPOSALS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND ARE IN READINESS TO MEET ANY MAJOR GERMAN THRUST IN THE MEDITERRANEAN OR THE BALKAN AREAS.

BRITISH RAILWAY BONDS

Tokyo Holding Out

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked what provision had been made to protect British bondholders of the Shanghai-Nanking and the Tientsin-Pukow Railways in view of the fact that the concerns were built with British money and are now controlled by a Japanese company with revenues of a million yen a month. Mr. R.A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the British Government had repeatedly made representations in respect of both railways and requesting that an arrangement should be made to meet the obligations of British bondholders and allow the British railway staff to function in accordance with the provisions of the loan agreements. "I regret that no satisfaction has yet been received," added Mr. Butler.

H.K. Officer Torpedoes A Tanker

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The submarine Sturgeon (Lieut-Commander St. Clair-Ford), sank an 8,000-ton German tanker off the Norwegian coast.

The Admiralty, announcing this, says that the submarine fired at the tanker during mist and rain. An explosion followed and when the mist cleared 20 minutes later, only part of the tanker could be seen above the water.

Lieut-Comdr D. St. Clair-Ford was well known in Hongkong when he served aboard H.M. Submarine Percuss. A Scottish Rugby international wing-threequarter, he played against Ireland and England in 1930; against England in 1931 and against Wales and Ireland in 1932.

He played Rugby for the Royal Navy in Hongkong in 1934 when the Senior Service won the Triangular Rugby tournament and again in 1937. He also played for Hongkong against the New Zealand Universities' touring fifteen in January and February of 1936.

Ethiopian Insurgents Capture Vital Forts

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 26 (UP).—Despatches from Khartoum reveal that Abyssinian insurgents, led by a blackbearded fighting priest, have at present cut the key road linking the Italian stronghold at Gondar with Asmara, the capital of Eritrea, along which heavy reinforcements were recently sent to the beleaguered town of Keren.

The Ethiopians cut the road by taking the Italian forts on both sides of the River Takazze; thus, the supporters of the Negus, for the first time, have penetrated Ethiopia, cut the wealthy northern province of Tigre and virtually encircled Gondar.

The road is so important, however, the Italians are expected to make

strong counter-attacks, but even if they should succeed in recapturing the road, the insurgent warriors will continue to operate close enough to ambush any convoys.

The main road from Gondar to Addis Ababa via Derbarawec has already been cut by insurgents operating from Goffam province. The only other link with Gondar is

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Britain's Last Word To Belgrade

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Britain's last word to the Yugo-Slav Government before the latter signed the Axis Pact was disclosed in a text by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Mr. R. A. Butler) in the House of Commons to-day.

When signature of the Pact appeared imminent, the British Minister in Belgrade sent a note to the Yugo-Slav Government, indicating that Britain had been led to believe emphatically that no action could or would be taken capable of harming or making serious difficulties for nations upholding a cause which, she was assured, the Yugo-Slav people regarded as their own.

Entering Opposite Camp
The British Government, therefore, are shocked to learn that Yugo-Slavian now suddenly contemplates signature to the agreement whereby she will not only abandon her neutral attitude but will enter the very system of Britain's enemies.

"If such an agreement is concluded, the British Government is bound to point out that in the light of recent history, the Yugo-Slav people will almost certainly be drawn more

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It was concurrently reported from Gibraltar that the big British fleet concentration in the western Mediterranean is possibly preparing to hunt down German submarine and surface raiders in the north Atlantic, for the purpose of safeguarding the vital food and munition shipments to the United Kingdom from the United States.

Mr. Grattan McGroarty, "United Press" correspondent who is accredited to the Mediterranean fleet, cabled to-day that the British are ready for action throughout the Mediterranean area after many days of heavy movements on all positions in the Mediterranean, except the far western area. This possibly indicates that the British Expeditionary Force movement into Greece has been completed.

Italian Boast

ROME, Mar. 26 (UP).—Writing from Tirana, Signor Roberto Farinacci, owner and editor of the "Regime Fascista" of Carmona, hints that German troops in Bulgaria are preparing to march on Greece.

He asserted, "Spring is full of promises for us in the fighting on the Greco-Albanian frontier and for our German brothers who are lined up on the Greco-Bulgarian border."

He declared that Italian troops in North Africa were counter-attacking along the entire front with the Germans, adding that the "much heralded British blockade of the Mediterranean has proved to be full of gaps as Italian convoys have succeeded in transporting troops and supplies to Libya undisturbed."

JAPAN ON SIDE OF GERMANY

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in an interview with the German newspaper, "Angriff," is reported by the German radio as stating: "Britain and United States will always oppose Japan's constructive work in the Far East. Japan is, therefore, on Germany's side."

"We want nothing from the Americans and leave them in peace. They should follow our example and leave us in peace in Asia."

The interview is stated to have taken place in the train taking the Japanese Foreign Minister to Berlin.

Japan's Ideal
Japan will not lag behind Germany in courage and determination to establish the world on the basis of the new order.

Mr. Matsuoka added: "The ideal, which is dear to the Japanese above all things, is embodied in Nishio Ichio, that harmonious world, community with room for all nations, in which they can realise their wishes and fulfil their missions."

That ideal, he added, was the basis of the Tripartite Pact.

Met In Berlin
LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, and many other Nazi leaders and diplomats, including Yugo-Slavian representative, were at the station to welcome Mr. Matsuoka to Berlin.

The station was specially decorated

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AERIAL WARFARE NEAR EAST Dodecanese & East Africa

CAIRO, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Many raids on enemy positions in support of the successful military operations in Eritrea and Abyssinia were carried out by R.A.F. aircraft yesterday.

Keren was again persistently attacked. Several tons of bombs were dropped during the day.

The railway between Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa was heavily and successfully bombed. Trains, railway stations and bridges were damaged. Motor transport on the road was also bombed and machine-gunned.

Free French In Air

Free French aircraft raided an enemy encampment 20 miles north of Gondar. Bombs fell amongst the buildings and transports.

R.A.F. bombers raided Tripoli on the night of March 24 and caused fires, followed by explosions among Government buildings and in the harbour.

Enemy Nests

Aerodromes at Scarpanto and Calato and Shipping at Astropalia

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Exploits By The R.A.F. Bombing Attacks On Enemy Shipping

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Some of the exploits of the aircraft of the Bomber and Coastal Commands in attacks on enemy shipping to-day and yesterday are revealed in an Air Ministry communique.

A small enemy convoy was intercepted and bombed yesterday off the Dutch coast by Bomber Command aircraft.

In another attack off Holland, an anti-aircraft ship was damaged and near Borkum a naval patrol was bombed.

Yesterday Coastal Command aircraft attacked and scattered several enemy mine-sweepers.

To-day, a pilot of the Coastal Command sank an enemy supply ship. From these operations one aircraft is missing.

HALIFAX ASSURES Britain Will Win The War

NEW YORK, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Britain would fight for 20 years if necessary, declared Lord Halifax at a press conference to-day. He gave it as his "deliberate conviction" that the combination of military, naval and air power and blockade would give Britain victory over the Nazis and their Axis partners.

The duration of the war would depend on the speed of American help.

Referring to the post-war world, Lord Halifax said that Britain did not want a vindictive peace but she was going to see that steps were taken to ensure that the world should not see a repetition of the present situation at the hands of Germany.

Meat Rations To Be Reduced

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Mar. 26 (UP).—The Ministry of Food to-day announced that the meat ration will be reduced from 1s-2d per person per week to 1s per person per week beginning March 31. Children's rations will be reduced from 7d to 6d per child per week.

The King With His Night Bombers



The King recently paid an evening visit to a station of the Bomber Command, where, amongst other things, he heard pilots, who were about to take off for raids on Germany, receiving last-minute instructions and advice. This photograph was taken while the King, with the pilots, listened to the instructions of the squadron commander.

Yugo-Slavs Show Resentment

BUDAPEST, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Yugo-Slav popular feeling against adherence to the Axis Pact found expression in a huge demonstration of protest in the main street of Belgrade to-day. Students marched arm in arm, singing national and patriotic songs.

There was violent quarrelling among the onlookers. Blows were exchanged and plain clothes police, with whom the city has been filled, immediately intervened and took a number of people into custody.

Even school-children in Belgrade participated in the protests. Hitler's portrait was burned at schools and the portrait of the boy King Peter was framed with red carnations.

More serious rioting also occurred at Banjaluna, where 14 people were killed. Rioting also occurred at Skopje last night, and this morning all telephone lines with Belgrade were cut.

Not Too Late

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—An impassioned appeal to the Yugo-Slavian people was made over the air by the Secretary for India, Mr. L. S. Amery, to-day.

"It is not too late," he explained, "urging them to keep their national spirit alive. It was the duty of the Yugo-Slav Government before the Pact was ratified to consult their people, who regarded the signing of the Pact as a betrayal of honour and independence."

"What will be your position when Britain has won as she will win?" asked Mr. Amery.

"Even Hitler cannot prevail against England and America together," he said.

Woman Decapitated By Aeroplane

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PENSACOLA, Fla., Mar. 26 (UP).—The Navy Department to-day took into custody Ensign J. C. Thompson and Student Pilot Paul Brown who yesterday swooped low over a turnip field near Robertdale, Alabama, and decapitated a woman worker.

Commander W. D. Hamble said that Mrs. Robert Phillips was killed by a naval training plane "being flown directly contrary to navy orders."

DEMANDS ON AMOY British Member Takes Up Issue

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).

—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. H. I. Hannah asked for information regarding Japanese demands in Amoy and whether steps were taken to support the foreign administration against demands calculated to subject the settlement to Japanese domination.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that the Japanese Consul-General in Amoy presented four requests on January 20, three of which presented no difficulty but the fourth was for the immediate appointment of six Japanese sergeants in the police force.

No Quorum
Consequently three non-Japanese members of the Council resigned, leaving it with no quorum.

Since then the Council's functions had been carried on by the Consular Body.

Negotiations had been proceeding between the Japanese Consul-General and the British Consul-General in the capacity of senior Consul.

Mr. Hannah asked: "Isn't the present position extremely unsatisfactory?"

No answer was given.

LATEST

No Wild Gambling After This War Says Mr Bevin

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 26 (UP).—Britain will be in no mood for stock exchange gambling at the end of the war said Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, during a speech at a luncheon of the Drapers' Chamber of Trade.

"At the end of the last war," he declared, "the nation was in the mood to capitalise on the results of the war. This took the form of wild speculations and dissipations of our reserves and ultimately disaster to many businesses."

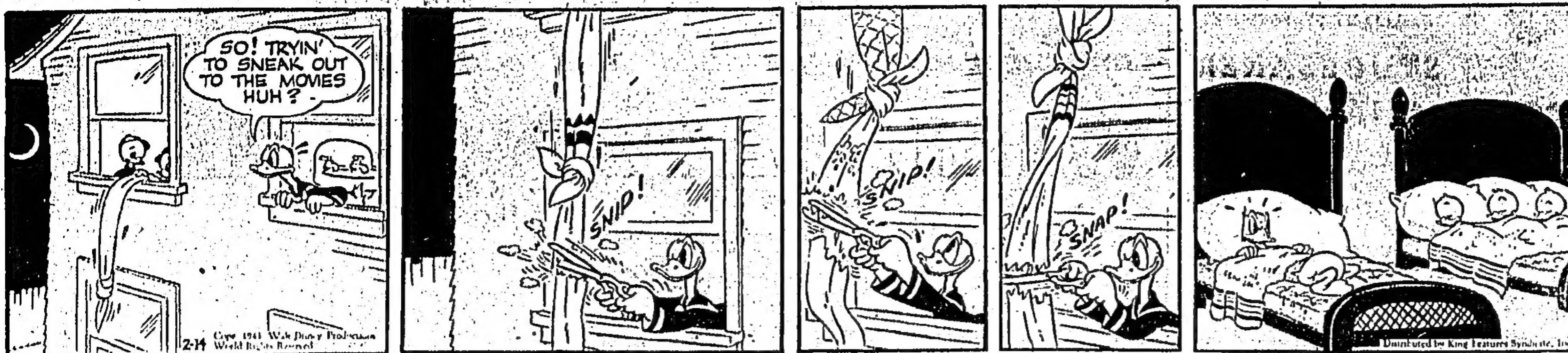
"Millions of people, as a result of propaganda, poured their war savings into these wild speculations and lost everything."

"But to-day, the grimness of our situation is realised. These attacks upon our ethics and our homes have forced home the realization that when the war is ended, and we can call our souls our own, the nation will must be devoted to tasks of reconstruction—wiping out the slums, preserving the countryside, establishing and correcting equilibrium between town and country by developing great public services."

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



SICILY is a German Island Now

SICILY is a German island now. In Rome a week ago I learned how completely the Nazis have taken possession of it.

The crews and ground staffs of large numbers of German planes, among them many Stukas, have been installed on specially prepared airfields. They swagger around the towns and villages with an arrogant air of superiority.

"Here, you wop," says every German gesture, "get out of our way. Let us get on with the job you've been too funky to get done."

Main Job

The job those Germans and their Stukas have come to do is to prevent the British sending their naval ships and convoys through the narrow straits between Sicily, Pantellaria, and Tunis, as they have been doing, and to escort Italian supply ships to Libya and protect them from British attack.

I do not suppose it is really more than partly the fault of the Germans that the Italian railways are at the moment in chaos, and that many passenger trains have had to be cancelled. That is just part of the general upheaval caused in Italy by this war.

All Italians, however, blame the Germans for this, as well as for everything else that is irking them.

The express train in which I left Rome was so crowded that even the washing compartment was occupied by five people. I stood in a corridor so jammed that I could not move my arm to get out a handkerchief.

Nightmare Trip

It was a nightmare of a journey, this trip from Italy. They sent us a long way round by way of Turin, Modane, Chambery and Narbonne because, so the Italian railwaymen said, the direct line through Ventimiglia was choked with trains carrying munitions and supplies for the Germans.

Nor has it made the Germans any more popular in Rome that the A.A. gunners sent there to defend the city against British raids have refused to sleep in the barracks the Italians have placed at their disposal. The taxpayers have had to stump up for the privilege of establishing the Nazis in hotels and boarding-houses.

The Germans, who are much better paid than the Italian soldiers, stroll about Rome like the barbarians of old, sending home loot. Only once did I see an Italian soldier with them.

That was outside the bronze gate of the entrance to the Vatican, where two German officers, accompanied by a Blackshirt officer, asked that they might enter to see around. One of the Pope's Swiss Guards barred the way.

"You are not allowed through here in uniform, gentlemen," he said. Italian bystanders smiled their plea-

The following report appeared in the "Daily Express" (London), and was sent from the Franco-Spanish frontier by a special correspondent.

Here he describes the conditions in Italy since the Germans were called in to help Mussolini, and the distress and discontent at various centres.

sure at the discomfiture of the Germans and their guide.

The coming of the Germans, whom many Italians regard as an army of occupation, is causing the rapid strengthening of discontent, even inside the Fascist Party. Uncomplimentary inscriptions have appeared, scrawled in black paint on the walls of factories.

Heavily reinforced secret plain-clothes police are active. They go so far as to arrest on speculation people seen chatting at street corners. Then they ask them separately what they were saying.

If the versions do not coincide they clap them in jail. Despite this, people are becoming more and more outspoken. Even strangers, hearing that I was going abroad, said: "Tell the British to come and bomb us. That is the only way to finish the war."

Had No Tunic

When I was at a tobaccoist's in Turin, buying stamps for farewell postcards, a soldier came in. "You look a real warrior, Francesco," the tobaccoist teased him.

"Warrior, my foot," said the soldier angrily, "I haven't even a tunic under my overcoat, no buttons for my pants, and my boots hurt me."

"You'd better be careful what you're saying," I said. "I'm going abroad I might tell them what you say."

"Go ahead, tell them," he said. "Tell them what equips soldiers like this," and he threw open his coat, revealing a dirty shirt, his buttonless pants precariously tied up.

Every one in Italy wants news. In the central quarter of Rome a cobbler is the chief news mart. He is a linguist, knows French and English, which he learned in New York, and he has a powerful radio set.

Every day gossips gather in his cellar while the old man hammers at his last, and he tells them what he has picked up from the B.B.C. and other foreign stations. He also gives them his comments.

Mistresses send their maids to hear what the cobbler has to tell. And how they all grumble! One of the chief complaints is the absence of charcoal, which the average Italian uses for his cooking.

In the poorer streets of Rome I often saw women breaking up their furniture to heat the mid-day meal. And what a meal it is, with the Italians allotted only one ounce each of their beloved spaghetti, and that grey-black instead of white. The normal consumption is more than 3 ozs. a day.

Secret Market

Coffee is unobtainable, unless one is prepared to buy it at a secret market, at a penny a bean. People swallow a brown brew made of toasted barley, which passes now as coffee, adding a dash of aniseed or lemon rind to take away the taste.

The soap famine, caused by export of fats and olive oil to Germany, is having the most serious consequences for the army, which is overrun by a scourge of vermin, particularly in Albania. Doctors complained to me that they were powerless to fight it.

Chaos in the medical services is so great that many of the troops are being shovelled abroad hospital ships in Albania without having had their wounds dressed. They are left just as they were when picked up in battle. Many who could have been saved have bled to death.

The airmen were also full of complaints, chiefly on account of the quality of their planes compared with the British.

"British machines are far superior to ours," said one who had returned from Libya on leave. "We have to fly old crates dating back sometimes to 1925. The propeller once dropped off my machine. I was always glad if I got back without the engine having dropped out."

He laughed, and said: "Believe me, the Germans aren't going to find it a picnic, either."

My last information before leaving Italy was that Mussolini had recognised the strength of the opposition and the popularity of Badoglio, his sacked commander-in-chief. As a means of recapturing popularity he was planning, I was told, a theatrical purge of Fascist officials who had become particularly hated.

Now the first thing I hear on arriving on the Franco-Spanish frontier is the dismissal of fourteen Fascist officials and their despatch to the front.

Wants To Help The Negus

An Indian ruler wants to go to Abyssinia with picked troops to fight with the Abyssinian Emperor, Haile Selassie, against the Italians.

He is Nawab Sahib Sidi Armod Khan, ruler of Janjira, an independent native State South of Bombay. He is believed to be seeking British permission to fight with Haile Selassie.

Khan is a descendant of the Royal family of ancient Ethiopia (Abyssinia).

An ancestor, Sidi Sur Khan, went to India from Abyssinia in 1000, organised an army, and won control of Janjira.

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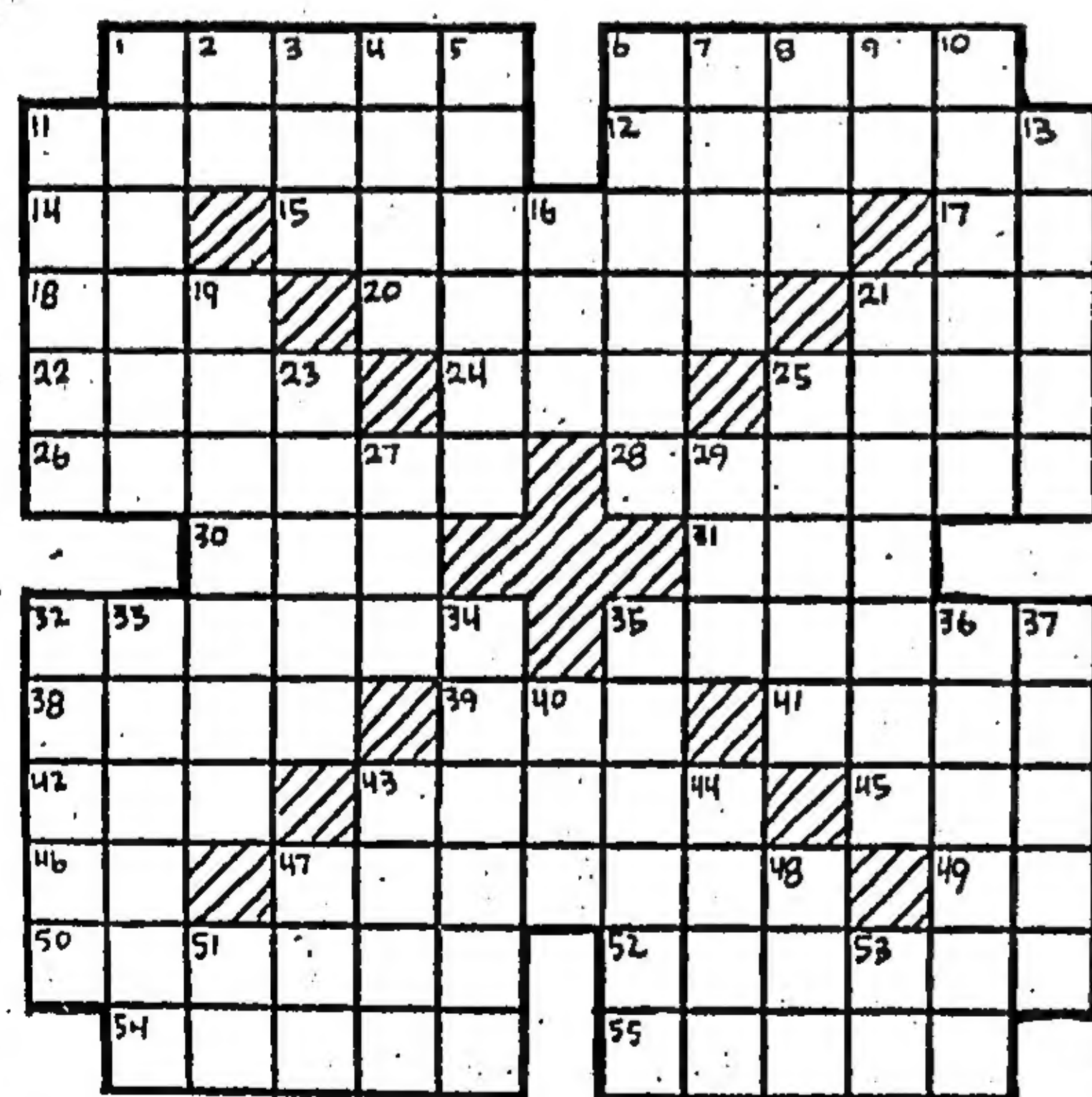
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ACROSS

1. Social group
2. Cut
3. Talk foolishly
4. The (French)
5. Person with authority
6. Foolish child
7. Serpent
8. Self (Scottish)
9. Minute particle
10. Quilt of castles
11. Youth of cent
12. Mate to a tortoise
13. House for horses
14. Perish
15. Guffin; hydrocarbon
16. Pretty girl
17. Having
18. Ours old
19. Bill
20. Ascend
21. Ancestor of Irish (Irish)
22. Publisher's advertisement
23. Deceased
24. Symbol tellurium
25. Slice
26. Otherwise
27. Throw rocks at
28. Ribbons

DOWN

1. High mountains
2. Gentleman
3. Scotch game
4. Part of wheel
5. Castle
6. Large tub
7. And (French)
8. Harp again
9. Be suspended in water
10. Room (French)
11. Vessel of body
12. Pet
13. Part of country
14. Denies
15. Medieval estate
16. Maiden name
17. Make lace
18. Put lure in trap
19. Heroes
20. Vegetable dishes
21. Was proudly
22. Hara legally
23. Prophet
24. Frog's spawn
25. Harle's first name
26. Kind of sailing vessel
27. Antelope
28. Burmese tribe
29. Exclamation
30. Pronoun



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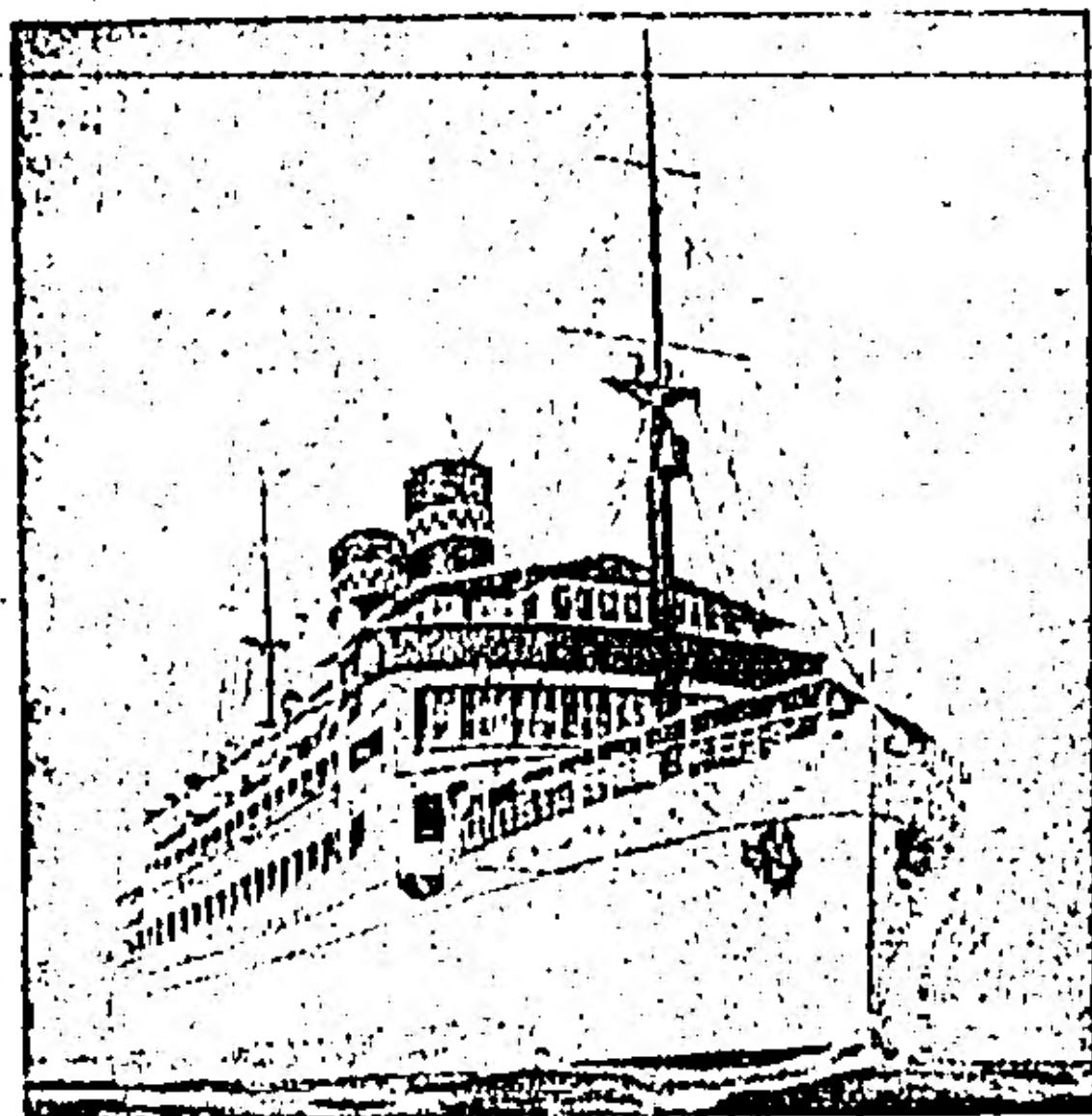
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THE END OF THE WORLD

CONSCIENTIOUS objectors appearing before the tribunals in Britain have revealed some strange religious beliefs and practices. One of the strangest is that of the body known as "Jehovah's Witnesses," and the Church of Scotland Home Board has thought it worth while to issue a pamphlet on the creed and practice of the sect.

One of their strong points is prophecy, and, like many other peculiar people, they are keen students and expounders of the Book of Daniel and of Revelation. And, again like their prophesying brethren, they stress the early coming of the millennium, to be ushered in by the destruction of the world, and apparently by fire.

It is strange that this belief has not been weakened or upset by the frequency of the failure of such forecasts. For many centuries there may not have been a single generation in which the belief that the end of the world was at hand was not firmly held. The Early Christians certainly believed it. Time and again through the ages a great catastrophe would turn people's thoughts in that direction. Hallam tells us that in the tenth century an opinion prevailed everywhere that the end of the world was approaching. Many charters began with the words, "As the world is now drawing to its close." The belief persisted more or less widely to the present age, rising and falling for no apparent reason. In the middle part of the last century there was a strong recrudescence of the conviction, and the last war and this seem to have given it a renewed impetus.

One incident towards the close of last century gave a serious shock to the faithful and caused the Philistines to scoff. A prominent prophet made bold to forecast the very year in which the end of all things would come. That roused considerable excitement, but it died down when it was discovered that the prophet had taken a lease of a house for several years further on than that he had foretold as the end of time. The story may have been an invention, but it seems to have had its effect in damping down the ardour of the seers.

The arrival of the Australians at Singapore was a thrilling event in itself. More than that. It was received with the same enthusiasm in the United States as throughout the British empire and elsewhere. It was a wonderful symbol of the greatest thing in the world. That is, the steady emergence before our astonished eyes of unmatchable forces in the cause of freedom. We are thinking not only of the general movement of the English-speaking world in its entirety. We mean something still wider—the colossal co-operation of the United States with the whole British Commonwealth. Together they represent hundreds of millions of populations; a machine-power and resources which are both unapproachable in extent and inexhaustible in supply. With us in heart, and partly in action—as more and more they will come into action—are other hundreds of millions of mankind.

The Ironical Miracle

This is what we call the greatest thing in the world. Only our enemies and their confederates could have created it. The Axis and Japan have brought it about. By their Tripartite Treaty they have done more for us and our cause than we could have done for ourselves. This contrast between intention and effect is the Nazi Nemesis. It may be remembered as the ironic miracle of all political history.

One moral speak for itself. Whatever may be the perils of the deadlier struggle now opening for Britain and perhaps for the empire, they are surpassed by the rising inspirations. The dangers to the island and the ocean-wide Commonwealth during the coming months—and indirectly to the foundations of the United States—will be the gravest, the most urgent, and perhaps, the most far-ranging that they ever faced.

The Rising Cause

But there is a shining and a kindling side to it. On every side the strength of freedom is rising with emergency. Our encouragements, increase and multiply. Every day brings fresh revelation that the new aids are more than equal to the new hazards by sea, air and land. We fight for sane civilisation; for deepening humanity; for a sovereign reign of peace based on element justice and inviolable law. This fight we wage is unconquerable in its nature—the soul of civilisation depends on it—it is the rising cause of the world—it calls forth powers, both moral and concrete, which nothing can withstand.

The new tyrannies, in a word, are evoking the new democracies whose fighting federation will overpower the aggressors. We are nearing the crucial conflict of the whole war. Between now and autumn the ultimate issue will be plainly determined. We here are closely confronted by the sternest trials, the grimmest tests, and by multiplied tasks near and far. But look well at the other side. Britain and the empire and the United States—in its own distinctive and tremendous way—are shaping to break the climax of attack by a world-wide epic of freedom such as was never seen nor supposed till now. The aggressors,

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WILL JAPAN STRIKE?



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when they made their plots and pacts, never conceived the possibility of this sequel.

Australia Is There

Turn to the immediate facts in the Far East. The critical situation was revealed in a flash by the arrival of the Australians for the defence of Singapore and Malaya. Our air-forces have been powerfully strengthened for the same purpose. As to the great sea-basis we must not attempt to dwell in detail to-day on other circumstances of natural position, modern fortification with sweeping fire, or naval resources even at the outset. The combined factors make Singapore one of the redoubtable fortresses of the world just as in far-reaching significance it is second to none among the world's strategic keys.

It concerns not only the Further East proper, but other vast spaces and populations. If it fell into hostile control the present security of India as well as Australia would disappear. With that would vanish the security of the Dutch part of the East Indies and of all the rest of that marvellous island-system. Between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific it ranges away for some thousands of miles. It includes the Philippines. America's political and economic interests in all this sphere are incomparably more important than the Philippine group itself. To keep in the present friendly hands Singapore and all the immense region it guards, is almost as vital to the United States as the possession of the Panama Canal. We need hardly add, what everyone knows, that the fate of all China hangs on the same considerations. So does the whole question of America's future in the Pacific.

Thus Far...

The policy of Tokyo combines smooth words with ominous actions. For a long time the increasing ambiguity has been uncomfortable. While this actual situation continues or deteriorates, Britain has abstained strictly from any act or word that might cut the thread of hope. Such as it is. Our practical business now is to provide in earnest against the chance of the worst, and even against its possible imminence. That is what Mr Churchill's administration is now doing in a manner which repeats its historic stamp of courage and resolution.

For India, as for Australia, this policy is one of front-line defence. It demands their active participation in a special degree. At the same time it is a policy backed by the entire British empire. It has the solid approval of the Government and people of the United States. At a pinch it would have the whole support of their power. From now forward we shall not yield one single inch to Japanese pressure. There will be as little

question of that as of submission to the Axis. At need the gallant outpost of Hongkong, far from all other British bases though it lies, would be defended to the last.

The Fanatical School

Among the Japanese, as is well-known, there are wise heads and moderate influences. Unfortunately there is no evidence yet that they are likely to count. The control seems to have passed into the hands of the extreme nationalist school. Its ambitions are limitless. Its fanatical vehemence is ignorant and blind. These unbridled jingos imitate the Nazi technique. Though their devastating adventure in China has dragged on into its fourth year without attaining its object they still seek the subjection of 400 millions of people. Eternity would not be enough for that job.

They have enforced a virtual suzerainty over French Indo-China. In the next territory to that they try to manipulate Thailand, whose frontier for many hundreds of miles marches with that of Burma, and stretches down to Malaya. Already Tokyo has moved considerable naval forces into the Gulf of Siam. Movements of troops towards Thailand are rumoured.

Dreams And Fatality

All this comes skin-close to the frontiers and shores of Burma and Malaya. In Malaya and the East Indies are oil, rubber, tin, and a wealth of other natural resources. Small wonder that the forward school of Japanese militarists are intoxicated by the dream of southward conquest and expansion. They imagine that it would give them the potencies and treasures of half the globe. When the conflict in Europe and the Atlantic is coming to its height they think that their opportunity is now or never. For aught we know they may intend to synchronise their own open blow in the Further East with that of Hitler in the Balkans and with his intensified submarine campaign. That is why the British empire is now ready for anything in the region of which Singapore and the Malay peninsula are the keys.

That Way Madness Lies

The same principle of immediate preparation against the gravest possibilities applies with the same force to the United States. Mr Roosevelt's and of time to come. We shall be unbending determination would be scarred and scathed, but we shall supported in actual emergency by the overwhelming mass of the American

people. There would be no backing down by Washington. This certainly offers the only real hope that Tokyo may be restrained from the mad plunge into unlimited jingoism. Why mad? Not only because it would widen the war. Worse. It would lengthen the war. And to a degree that would exhaust utterly all Japan's resources, strained as they are already by the expense and loss of the interminable attempt to subjugate all China. The southward gamble on the Nazi model would mean at long last the national suicide of modern Japan and could mean nothing else. Needless to say, there is no question yet of combined action between the United States and Britain. America's parallel action is none the less significant. Her fleet in the Pacific is to be equipped at once with dive bombers and fighters up to war-time strength. It does not mean challenge any more than our own measures in concert with Australia. But it does mean the same resolve to meet a challenge.

America's Momentum

We cannot realise too vividly the meaning of the American factor in the whole war and the scale of its promise. A gigantic effort of industrial output for war is now fully planned. Its execution is about to gather a momentum that will stagger aggression. America can outproduce in the long run the whole of Hitler's Europe and Japan as well. It is what she intends to do before she finishes her own part of the job with the might of her own tools. Add to that the fighting and economic assets of the whole British empire. The long-range comparison with the resources of the Axis and Japan is in an overwhelming degree favourable to the freedom of nations. The great Arms Bill is now law. From his friend Mr Harry Hopkins, whose recent visit to Britain was historic though quiet, the President now knows all there is to be known about British circumstances, methods, needs, and plans.

We need bombers for counter-attack—and this is where the rapid increase of our offensive strength is most alarming to the enemy. We need tanks and guns. Above all, we need more destroyers against submarines, and more merchant tonnage to replace the sinkings. Though the co-operation of the British Commonwealth, and the United States is the greatest thing in the world, it depends upon maintaining at all costs a world-wide command of the seas. In six months American production, though still far from its peak, will reach proportions that Hitlerism and its confederates never can overtake.

Britain Holds The Gap

Meanwhile Britain and the Dominions have to hold the gap. It is a grim task. We have to face the battle for Britain, the battle for the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, the battle of Africa, the battle in the Balkans; and perhaps, with these, the battle in the Far East. That manifold ordeal is unparalleled. We have the heart and sinew to face it. Our inspirations are above all we hoped. America, true to type like ourselves, will stake all at need upon our victory and her own. From now until autumn we are the fighting trustees of the world for every hope of the present world and of time to come. We shall be unbending determination would be scarred and scathed, but we shall supported in actual emergency by the overwhelming mass of the American

Shelter Dialogue In Germany

By
NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"VOT vos dot?"

"Dot vos a bompf."

"All der time der iss bompfs."

"Der news in Der Pumpernickel Stinkenblatt say dot anodder British bottleship she haf been sonk."

"Dot would make forty-two British bottleships haf sonk been, must haf."

"A lot of bottleships der British haf must."

"Vot vos dot?"

"Dot vos anodder bompf."

"A lot of bompfs der British haf must."

"Der Reich Marshal Goering say dot on her Sherman soil no bompfs vill drop."

"Der Fuehrer say dot last August der var vill over be."

"Der bompfs drop and der var not over iss."

"Der Herr Doktor Goebbels vill not now say von der var vill over be."

"Vot vos dot?"

"Dot vos anodder bompf."

"Soon dere vill American bompfs be."

"Ooncle Heinkelhunkel no longer at Hamm resides."

"Vij vos dot?"

"Because dere no Hamm iss."

"Der Vossischer Soosisher Zeitung say der no London iss."

"Der Slossisher Kossisher Zeitung say dere no Englandt iss."

"Der Frankenfurstenstein Schweinhundenblatt say dere no Englandt iss, no British Navy, no British Army iss."

"If dere no British Army iss, der Italians must from demselves run."

"Himmel, vot vos dot?"

"Dot vos two, tree, six bompfs."

"And dot?"

"Dot vos der ammunition works."

"Der newspapers haf not yet said dere no British Air Force iss."

Chinese Retake Kaoan City Causing Heavy Casualties

KAOAN, Mar. 26 (Central News).—Following the recapture of Chuankong, Tuchen, Chukiang, Hweifow, Shih-towkai and other strategic points in northern Kiangsi, Chinese forces yesterday evening smashed their way into Kaoan and recaptured the city. The Japanese abandoned more than 2,000 dead and large quantities of arms.

Besides dispatching crack units to pursue the fleeing Japanese, the Chinese authorities are instituting immediate relief and rehabilitation measures in Kaoan.

Meanwhile, as a result of the mopping-up operations carried out by the Chinese during the past few days, the Chukiang-Tucheng area is now cleared of Japanese stragglers. The main Chinese force is pushing vigorously toward Nanchang.

Newspapers In China Using Native Paper

CHUNGKING, Mar. 26 (Central News).—Registered Chinese papers published in China number 555, according to Mr. Peng Keh-cheng, Director of the News Section of the Central Publicity Board.

Hunan claims the largest number of registered papers with 64. Szechwan ranks second with 50 and Chekiang third with 30. Sinkiang, Chinghai (Kokonor) and Ninghsia have each only one paper. Chungking, the wartime capital, has 11.

Owing to the shortage of imported newspaper, native newsprint is now used by most of the papers.

Altogether 212 radio stations scattered in the provinces of Szechwan, Honan, Kweichow, Sinkiang, Hunan, Kiangsi, Anhwei, Fukien, Chekiang, Kinsu, Shantung, Yunnan, Hupeh, Kwangtung, Hopei, Shansi, Shensi, Ninghsia, Chinghai and Suiyuan, are distributing news alerts.

There are about 110 war correspondents in various war zones and enemy "occupied" areas.

NEAR EAST Turkey's Interests Same As Allies

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Turkey has an absolute community of interests with Britain.

This declaration was made today by Dr. Refet Canitez, Vice-President of the Turkish National Assembly, broadcasting from Ankara.

Bulgaria, he said, had surrendered her independence while Greece, "who is our neighbour and friend, has been fighting against the aggressor with a heroism which would be the envy of mythological heroes."

The Anglo-Turkish alliance, he continued, had thus far kept the peace in the Near East but the "danger has now penetrated into our zone of security and has assumed an extent which constitutes a threat to our existence."

"On the day that our security is encroached upon, the Near East will be transformed into a battle-field."

The wedding took place at the Registry yesterday, by Special Licence, before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar, of Mr. Walter de Velder, missionary, to Miss Harriet East, missionary of Amoy, who has been residing at Phillips House, Kowloon, during her stay in the Colony. Mr and Mrs de Velder will return to Amoy shortly. The bridegroom is the son of Mr F. D. de Velder, a retired farmer, and the bride is the daughter of Mr H. P. East, a retired missionary. The ceremony was witnessed by Mrs Ruth E. Holleman and Mr John H. Bruins.

Generous Abyssian Pledge No Barbarity

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Halle Selassie's famous proclamation to his people last July appealing for mercy for the Italians was published in its text in London today for the first time at the request of members of Parliament.

The proclamation promised British arms, "of which you are so much in need," and announced that the British air force was destroying enemy fortifications.

It proceeds: "I have notified the Italians, in Ethiopia, who are now completely encircled, that they should surrender to save themselves useless destruction. Therefore, I charge you solemnly to receive kindly and protect those Italians who may surrender. Do not retaliate with the cruelty which was inflicted on our people but show yourselves honourable, humane soldiers."

Captive Italians
"Do not forget that when valiant Ethiopians made Italians captive at battle, they handed them to their Emperor without doing them any harm, thus earning for Ethiopia honour and a good name."

When the proclamation was circulated in the House of Commons, the Labour members, Mr Noel Baker, suggested that the Government publicly express appreciation of the "generous and statesmanlike policy followed by our Ally, the Emperor of Ethiopia, despite the many cruelties of Italian against his subjects."

Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, agreed that "was a valuable document which should be read with all consideration."

India C-in-C Inspection

NEW DELHI, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—With his return to Delhi to-day, the Commander-in-Chief, General Claude Auchinleck has completed an extensive tour of the country in which he saw most of the troops and the production of equipment and munitions in eastern and south-western India.

The inspection embrace many sea and air establishments and every phase of training and production. At Hyderabad, Bombay, Karachi and Jodhpur trainees for the Royal Air Force were seen at work.

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Badminton Championship Programme

RE-ARRANGEMENT of the Championship Badminton schedule has been made necessary for tomorrow and Monday at the Club de Recreio and the Kowloon C.C.

The programme will be as follows:
FRIDAY: (CLUB DE RECREIO):
Men's Junior Singles.—H. S. Jones v. P. C. Leung (7 p.m.); N. L. Smith v. P. Wynter-Blyth (8.15 p.m.); A. L. Fisher v. Peter (9.15 p.m.).

Men's Senior Singles.—Patrick Wong (holder) v. D. Kwok (7.30 p.m.).
Men's Senior Doubles.—P. K. Hui and H. F. Chew v. C. Y. Yung and F. Koh (8.45 p.m.).

MONDAY, MARCH 31 (KOWLOON C.C.):
Men's Junior Doubles.—T. S. Young and M. K. Fung v. Peter Lo and J. Tsang (7 p.m.).

Men's Junior Singles.—J. L. Anderson v. E. Zimmerman (9.15 p.m.).
Men's Senior Singles.—M. P. Young v. P. K. Hui (8 p.m.); W. Gillies v. K. W. Choy (8.45 p.m.).

Men's Senior Doubles.—Patrick Wong and C. Au (holders) v. H. C. Eardley and N. L. Smith (7.30 p.m.).

"Pastor Hall" Premiere

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, it is announced will be present at the premiere performance of "Pastor Hall" at the Lee Theatre, on Wednesday, April 2, at 9.30 p.m. The premiere is a benefit performance for the China Defence League, under the chairmanship of Madame Sun Yat-sen.

The funds secured will go to the Borderland Orphanages in northern Shensi. The orphans are housed in caves dug out of the hillsides. Many of them are orphans of guerrilla soldiers, some are refugee peasant children. The most serious problem with regard to the care of orphans is undernourishment resulting from a complete lack of vitamins in their diet. In many orphanages there is a general condition of night blindness, caused by lack of vitamin A. In the active guerrilla areas, the children are fed on maize or corn and practically nothing else. They suffer from beri-beri as a result. Funds secured from this benefit will buy cod liver oil, bean curd and clothing.

Tickets are on sale at Moutrie's for \$10, \$5 and \$3, and cheaper seats at the Lee Theatre, and Whiteaway Laidlaw's.

Craigengower XI

The following will represent Craigengower C.C. in a friendly cricket match against St. Joseph's College on Saturday, at Happy Valley at 2 p.m.:
A. M. Omar (Capt.), O. M. Omar, R. Leonard, W. Leonard, H. Canali, U. H. Canali, Chou, A. Huang, T. Lock, T. Edgar and S. B. Solina.

Springboks To Stay In Africa

CAPE TOWN, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The question of the use of South African troops outside Africa was raised in the House of Assembly today.

General Jan Smuts, the Premier, stated that the Government intended to abide strictly by the decision taken by Parliament at the beginning of the war against overseas expeditions. If circumstances arose which, in the opinion of the Government, made it necessary to send troops outside the African continent, Parliament would be summoned.

General Smuts stated that the Government was entitled to use its troops in any part of Africa and would do so if necessary.

He added that no South African troops were at present fighting in Greece or anywhere outside Africa.

New Green To Be Added By Kowloon B.G.C. Annual Meeting

THE NECESSITY of keeping up their reputation as the premier bowling club by the addition of another green was stressed by the President, Mr K. C. Hamilton, at the annual meeting of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday.

He supported the recommendation of the out-going committee for an additional green. The suggestion, which was that the far tennis court be turned into a green, was approved. A proposal was made that the expenses be met by an increase in membership fees, but it was explained that this could be brought about only by an extraordinary meeting.

"Many members are missing this year," said Mr Hamilton, "and in a great many cases they have gone home to do their bit. Many of us would have liked to have gone back too, but they don't want us, and they say we must do our bit here. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them the best of luck. (Hear, hear)."

New Officers
Election of officers resulted: Mr J. McKelvie (President), Mr J. G. Meyer (Vice-President), Mr H. White (Hon. Treasurer), Mr E. A. Atkins (Hon. Secretary), Messrs B. Wylie, G. E. Thompson, L. Guy, D. Waterson (Committee).

Mr R. F. Phillips was elected Bowls Convener; Mr A. E. E. Jeffries, Bar Convener; Mr S. C. Walker, Grounds Convener; The Ballot Committee was Messrs J. C. Gill, E. V. Searle, W. Houston, F. W. Grinter, G. Sherriff, R. Duncan.

There was some discussion regarding prizes when it was proposed by Mr W. MacFarlane that certificates be issued instead of medals and entry fees be given to the Bomber Fund. This proposal was defeated.

Members signifying their intention of donating prizes were Messrs K. C. Hamilton, P. J. Hamilton, B. Wylie, R. P. Phillips, L. Sykes, J. C. Gill, E. Murphy, C. Wallace, E. A. Atkins, H. Nish, H. G. Blekney, D. W. Waterson, H. White, L. Guy, A. E. E. Jeffries, R. Duncan, F. W. Grinter, G. E. Thompson and "Stonecutters".

Mr C. Bond, a former President, secretary and treasurer, Mr W. P. Hendley and Mr R. H. Duncan were elected life members.

More Marriages, Fewer Births

LONDON, Mar. 26. There were more marriages but fewer births compared with pre-war years during the 13 weeks ended on September 30 last, according to the quarterly returns issued by the Registrar-General.

The birth rate per thousand of the population was 14.3. This compared with an average of 15.3 for the third quarters of the five preceding years. Of live births registered 76,680 were males and 72,589 females.

There were 131,254 marriages—7,877 more than the September quarter average for the five previous years. Infant mortality was 42 per 1,000 births, which was three below the average for the 10 preceding third quarters.—British Wireless.

Gloaming Wins Lincolnshire

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Gloaming (100-7) won the Lincolnshire to-day, three lengths ahead of Gaston (60-1), while Monopole (100-6) was third.

There were 19 runners.

Commons Ask About Badlands

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to a question by Sir John Wardlaw-Milne regarding the working of the agreement for policing the Badlands outside the International Settlement in Shanghai, said that after lengthy negotiations extending over several months, an agreement was signed on February 1 and came into force on March 15.

Mr Butler continued: "While conditions in the area have continued to be unsatisfactory in recent months, it is yet too early to judge what result the new agreement will have."

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NARCOTICS USE GROWING

CHUNGKING, Mar. 26 (Central News).—Narcotics trading by the Japanese in the "occupied" areas has become more serious than ever before, reports received by the Ministry of Interior from the local authorities indicate.

No sooner do Japanese troops enter a town, county or village than Japanese and Korean ruffians begin to establish cigarette stores which actually sell heroin, morphine and other narcotic drugs. The Chinese civilians are induced to take drugs by all possible methods. As a result, there is an alarming increase of addicts.

Meanwhile, Chinese farmers are forced to plant poppy. In Hunan province alone flourishing poppy-fields are found in all "occupied" areas.

In Tsinan and other places healthy Chinese are often arrested on charge of harbouring "dangerous thoughts" while drug addicts are let alone.

Rugby

Sappers
Unbeaten In
Army League

ROYAL ENGINEERS maintained an unbeaten record in the Large Units Rugby League at Sookunpo on Tuesday when they beat Combined Royal Artillery by two goals and a try (13 points) to a penalty goal (3 points) after leading 8-0 at the interval.

Guns were without Skipwith and Marsh and consequently their back division was not as strong as usual. Sappers were in great form and their pack held sway over their opponents throughout.

Birrell shone on the left-wing for the Sappers and kicked a great penalty goal in the first half. Sheldrake opened Sappers' scoring with a good try which Birrell converted, and Birrell's penalty-goal followed soon after that.

In the second-half Foley scored a try which Birrell converted, and then Sappers scored from a penalty goal. Sappers have played seven games and won all of them.

Fanling Hunt To Hold Final Point-to-Point

The Last Point-to-Point of the season will be held at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, March 30, near Mal Po Brickworks. The course is a triangular one over 3½ miles of fair hunting country.

The flags will be put up on Saturday previous to the Point-to-Point and Competitors may then walk over the course. Riding the course previous to the race is forbidden.

Tents will be provided for changing, one for women and one for men. Hard hats are essential and any one not in possession of one when weighing-out will be debarred from riding in the race. Competitors who require lead must bring it themselves.

Programme
The programme is as follows:
3.30 p.m.—Race No. 1, for bona fide Australian pony hunters, Catch Weight 100 lbs., Entrance Fee \$2.

N.B. Should there be sufficient entries, this race will be run in two classes; division of class at the discretion of the Stewards.


4.15 p.m.—Race No. 2, for bona fide heavy-weight China pony hunters, Catch Weight 125 lbs., Entrance Fee \$2.

5 p.m.—Race No. 3, for bona fide light-weight China pony hunters, Catch Weight 150 lbs., Entrance Fee \$2.

Entries will be made in writing by 12 noon on March 27, cash to accompany entries, to Captain J. O. Whittaker, R.A., 1, Garden Terrace, Hongkong.

Entries must give the name of the pony, height, colour, race for which entered, and colours of the owner (it is hoped that competitors will turn out in their ordinary racing colours). If possible, also please give the probable jockey.

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Traffic Accidents In Colony

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories, during the week ending at 8 a.m. last Saturday, there were altogether 75 traffic accidents as the result of which two persons were killed and 21 were injured.

A Chinese female, age 60, and a 7-year-old girl, were knocked down and killed by a lorry and a tricycle, respectively, while crossing the carriageway.

Of the injured, 15 were pedestrians who were struck by vehicles while crossing the carriageway. A motor cyclist and a bicycle rider were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles. A private car driver was injured when his car ran off the roadway. A bus passenger was injured while attempting to board a moving bus. Two tram passengers were injured while alighting from moving trams.

Of the accidents, 37 were collisions between vehicles, 36 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians, and 12 were due to other causes.

Farewell Party To Mr Assoomull

Mr Gopaladas T. Assoomull, Manager of Messrs Wassilumull Assoomull & Co., one of the leading Indian firms in Hongkong, and Vice-President of the Indian Association of Hongkong and South China, left yesterday for India on home leave.

The Indian Association was "At Home" on Monday last, when an enjoyable function was held in honour of Mr and Mrs Gopaladas and his brother and sister-in-law Mr and Mrs Mathradas. Several of the members present spoke highly of the sterling qualities of Mr Gopaladas and paid tribute to his work for the Association. Mr Gopaladas suitably replied, and exhorted those present to work steadfastly for the promotion of the Association and the well-being of the Indian community in general.

Mr P. K. Pavri, of K. S. Pavri & Sons, president, and others who spoke included Mr A. Viswanath, Mr Gurbux Singh, Mr J. Kima and Mr K. B. Vaidya.

German Blockade Extended

Now To Embrace Iceland Area

Berlin, Mar. 26.

An announcement to-day stated that the German blockade zone had been extended to the seas around Iceland on account of the illegal occupation of Iceland by British troops and because British blockade breakers had recently attempted to use Iceland as a base.

The blockade zone previously included only the waters around the British Isles.—United Press.

Aimed at Supply Scheme?

Washington, Mar. 26.

Informed circles said to-day that America would probably take no action in connection with the German blockade extension unless the move was interpreted as a threat to Greenland. The State Department declined to comment, saying that it had not been officially notified and that it was a matter requiring extensive study.

Some sources believed that the move was intended to forestall possible use of Iceland as a stepping stone in the delivery of American planes to Britain.—United Press.

No Surprise to Britain

London, Mar. 26.

Well-informed British circles said that they were not surprised by the German announcement of extension of the blockade area since it was known that U-boats were already operating in these sectors. It had been expected that U-boats would operate further north as the warmer weather set in.

They suggested that the announcement might have been prompted by the proposal to deliver war supplies to Iceland for transshipment to Britain.—United Press.

According to *Domet* the announcement warned that all ships, irrespective of their nationality or type, transshipping in the proscribed area would be sunk.

Bomber Convoy System

New York, Mar. 26.

Bomber convoys for merchant shipping are suggested by the famous aircraft expert, Mr Alexander Seversky, in an article in the New York Daily Mirror. Mr Seversky suggests that bomber convoys would provide an unbroken canopy under which German aircraft would find it impossible to operate. The need for such a system should be fewminded, Greenland, Iceland, and the Faroe Islands.

Most of the newspapers in the northern and south-western states are advocating action by America on the convoy problem. There is, however, no clarity as to the nature of the action and it is mentioned as a possible future problem rather than a urgent necessity.—Reuter.

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Selections from Puccini's Operas.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Boston Promenade Orchestra and Webster Booth (Tenor).

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Meet Uncle Sam.

7.30 Compositions of Friml.

7.45 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Some Welsh Songs.

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 A Chopin Programme.

9.0 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

9.30 Magyar Imri and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

9.45 Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Evelyn Laye (Soprano).

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.0 London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things."

10.15 Variety and Dance Music.

11.0 Close down.

NEW CAPITAL

Vilny, Mar. 26.

The capital of Lithuania is to be transferred from Kaunas to Jilne (Vilna), according to a message from Moscow. This has been decided by the Council of Commissioners of the People of Lithuania. The transfer will be completed by September 1.—Reuter.

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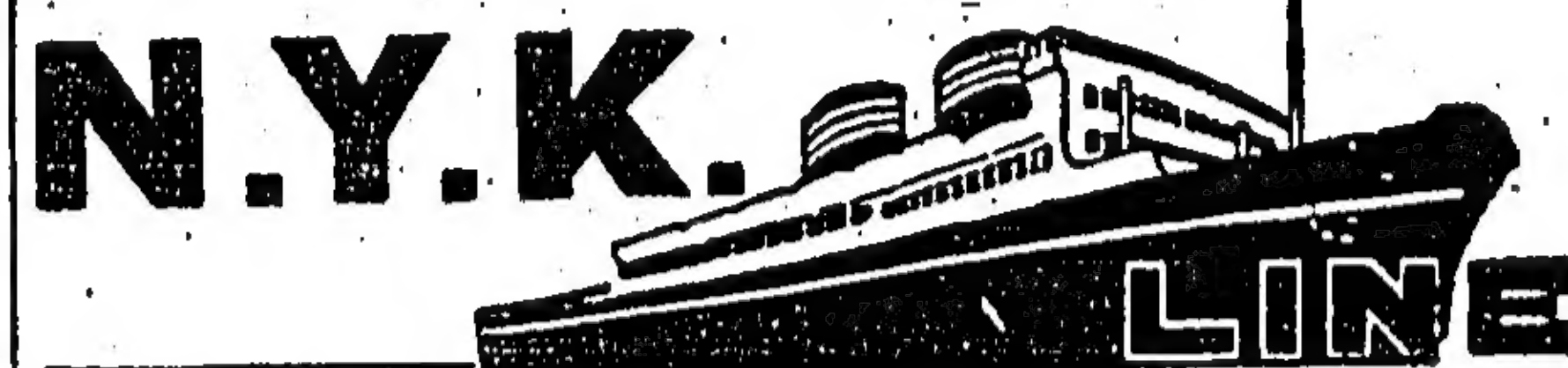
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AERIAL NEAR EAST WARFARE

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Malta Attacked
Enemy aircraft attempted to dive-bomb the harbour at Malta but no serious damage or casualties resulted. Slight damage was done to civilian property.

One Junkers 88 was shot down by anti-aircraft fire and others were damaged. From all these operations our aircraft returned safely.

Japan On Side Of Germany

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and the military Guard of Honour was mounted.

Herr von Ribbentrop later drove with Mr Matsuo through specially decorated streets to the Bellevue Palace which will be Mr Matsuo's headquarters during his stay in Berlin.

Matsuo's Movements
TOKYO, Mar. 26 (UP).—The "Asahi Shimbun's" correspondent at Vichy reports that Mr Matsuo, upon his return to Berlin from Rome on April 4, will summon the Japanese Ambassadors to Italy and Rome and also the "Charge d'Affaires" at Vichy for an "important conference."

Britain's Last Word To Belgrade

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deeply into that system as time goes on.

"The history of the past 18 months has shown how little Germany scruples to honour the assurances that she gives."

Mr Butler continued that responsibility for the results of their present decision rests with the Yugo-Slav Government.

ETHIOPIAN INSURGENTS

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an outside track leading north of Lake Tana via Debrataboro, but even this is endangered as the revolt is spreading in the Beghimidre province.

A fighting priest who wears an amber necklace recently returned to the front from a visit to the Negus. He became an irreconcilable foe of the Italians after his church had been burned.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: There is a general all around enquiry for shares, but scrip is scarce.

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Union Ins. \$427½
H.K. Wharves \$93½
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Lands \$31½
Humphreys \$6.70
Realties \$2.95
Trans \$10.30
China Lights "O" \$6.20
China Lights "N" \$13½
Watsons \$11.10
Entertainments \$7

Sellers
Providents \$5.30
China Lights "O" \$6¼
Cements \$18¼
Ropes \$7.40

Sales
Union Ins. \$430
China Lights "O" \$6¼/6.20
Electric C. Rts. \$39.80/50
Cements \$18

LATE NEWS

JAPANESE AFFAIRS

Italian Envoy's Call

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, March 26 (Domel).—Sig. Mario Indelli, Italian Ambassador, called on Mr Chuichi Ohashi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the Foreign Office to-day and held a 30-minute conference on the international situation, particularly with regard to the relations between Japan and Italy.

National Service

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 26 (Domel).—Lieut. General Heisuke Yanagawa, Minister of Justice, has accepted the Vice-Presidency of the National Service Association.

Coal Mine Disaster

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 26 (Domel).—Dr. Tameo Matsudaira, Minister of the Imperial Household Department, this morning informed Mr Kuichiro Tokutomi, Governor of Hokkaido, that Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress have been pleased to make a Privy Purse grant to the families of the victims of the Mibai coal mine disaster.

SPAIN'S NEED OF FOOD

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The food situation in Spain is very serious and both Britain and America would be very glad to allow wheat shipments to go to Spain.

This statement was made to "Reuters" to-day by an official of the British Ministry of Economic Warfare.

Asked whether the French Government had thanked Britain for allowing food to go to France, the official replied that a recent Vichy broadcast had said something to the effect that the needs of Unoccupied France were now being met.

Mrs Tan Hu Chun-hau Dies At Ripe Age

Mrs Tan Hu Chun-hau, aged 90, died at St. Teresa's Hospital yesterday after a short illness. She leaves three sons, one of whom is Mr K. H. Tan, manager of the Ault & Wiborg Company (Far East), a daughter in Hongkong and four in Kunning.

Mrs Tan came to Hongkong with her family at the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese conflict and had been prominent in social, charitable and religious activities. She was the widow of Mr Tan Kim-kee, well-known merchant of Swatow.

The funeral will take place to-day, the cortege leaving the Baptist Church, Stirling Road, Kowloon City, at 3 p.m.

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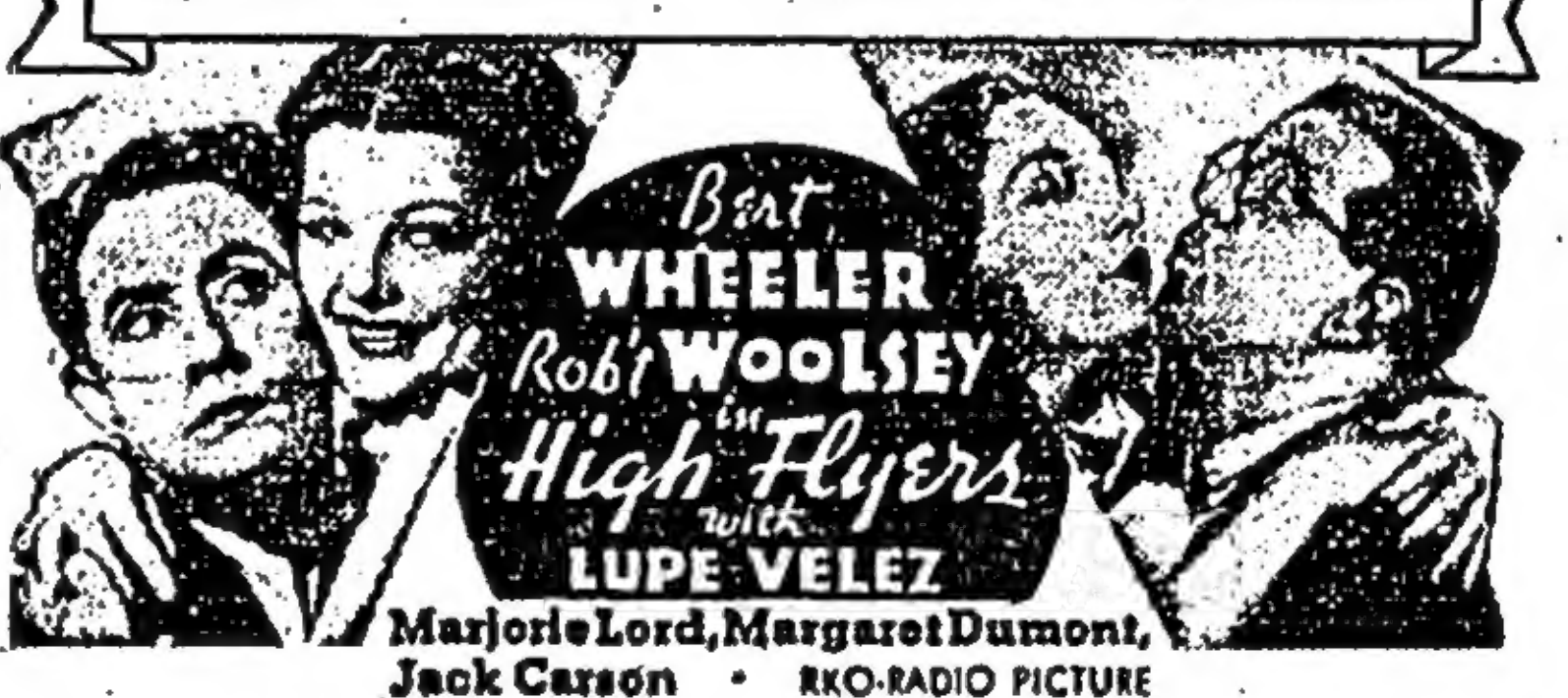
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By WALLACE CARROLL
Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, MAR. 26 (UP).—BRITISH SOURCES TO-DAY INDICATED THAT THE EMPIRE'S FLEET, MATERIAL AND TROOP DISPOSALS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND ARE IN READINESS TO MEET ANY MAJOR GERMAN THRUST IN THE MEDITERRANEAN OR THE BALKAN AREAS.

BRITISH RAILWAY BONDS

Tokyo Holding Out

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked what provision had been made to protect British bondholders of the Shanghai-Nanking and the Tientsin-Pukow Railways in view of the fact that the concerns were built with British money and are now controlled by a Japanese company with revenues of a million yen a month. Mr. R.A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the British Government had repeatedly made representations in respect of both railways and requesting that an arrangement should be made to meet the obligations of British bondholders and allow the British railway staff to function in accordance with the provisions of the loan agreements. "I regret that no satisfaction has yet been received," added Mr. Butler.

H.K. Officer Torpedoes A Tanker

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The submarine Sturgeon (Lieut-Commander St. Clair-Ford), sank an 8,000-ton German tanker off the Norwegian coast.

The Admiralty, announcing this, says that the submarine fired at the tanker during mist and rain. An explosion followed and when the mist cleared 20 minutes later, only part of the tanker could be seen above the water.

Lieut-Comdr D. St. Clair-Ford was well known in Hongkong when he served aboard H. M. Submarine Perseus. A Scottish Rugby International wing-threequarter, he played against Ireland and England in 1930; against England in 1931 and against Wales and Ireland in 1932. He played Rugby for the Royal Navy in Hongkong in 1934 when the Senior Service won the Triangular Rugby tournament and again in 1937. He also played for Hongkong against the New Zealand Universities' touring fifteen in January and February of 1936.

Ethiopian Insurgents Capture Vital Forts

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 26 (UP).—Despatches from Khartoum reveal that Abyssinian insurgents, led by a blackbearded fighting priest, have at present cut the key road linking the Italian stronghold at Gondar with Asmara, the capital of Eritrea, along which heavy reinforcements were recently sent to the beleaguered town of Keren.

The Ethiopians cut the road by taking the Italian forts on both sides of the River Takaze, thus, the time, have penetrated Ethiopia, cut the wealthy northern province of Tigre and virtually encircled Gondar. The road is so important, however, the Italians are expected to make strong counter-attacks, but even if they should succeed in recapturing the road, the insurgent warriors will continue to operate close enough to ambush any convoys.

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It was concurrently reported from Gibraltar that the big British fleet concentration in the western Mediterranean is possibly preparing to hunt down German submarine and surface raiders in the north Atlantic, for the purpose of safeguarding the vital food and munition shipments to the United Kingdom from the United States.

Mr. Gratian McGroarty, "United Press" correspondent who is accredited to the Mediterranean fleet, cabled to-day that the British are ready for action throughout the Mediterranean area after many days of heavy movements on all positions in the Mediterranean, except the far western area. This possibly indicates that the British Expeditionary Force movement into Greece has been completed.

Italian Boast

ROME, Mar. 26 (UP).—Writing from Tirana, Signor Roberto Farinacci, owner and editor of the "Regime Fascista" of Carmona, hints that German troops in Bulgaria are preparing to march on Greece. He asserted, "Spring is full of promises for us in the fighting on the Greco-Albanian frontier and for our German brothers who are lined up on the Greco-Bulgarian border." He declared that Italian troops in North Africa were counter-attacking along the entire front with the Germans, adding that the "much heralded British blockade of the Mediterranean has proved to be full of gaps as Italian convoys have succeeded in transporting troops and supplies to Libya undisturbed."

KEREN COUNTER ASSAULTS

British Hold Gains

Mar. 26.—While R.A.F. and artillery continue to hammer the Italians on the peaks around and in Keren itself, the supply and maintenance services are rushing material to the front in preparation for the next assault.

Despite vigorous Italian counter-attacks, the British troops are well able to hold their positions taken during the advance at the end of last week and patrols are sent each night along the slopes of the heights still held by the enemy.

These counter-attacks are becoming increasingly costly to the Italians the boulder-covered slopes leading to Fort Dologorodoc are strewn with bodies left by the enemy after each of their nine attempts to recapture their position.

In one of two attacks on Monday night, the Italians used three tanks and an armoured car. One tank is believed to have been knocked out. The others retired.

Rome Communique

ROME, Mar. 26 (UP).—To-day's communique states, "The fierce battle at Keren continues with heavy losses on both sides. The Italians repulsed a new British attempt to force a passage of the Dabus River in the Galla Sidamo region. The British made air raids on Tripoli on Tuesday night."

HOW R.A.F. ARE BLASTING REICH

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Observations by the R.A.F. and reports from "other sources" of air raid damage in Germany enable the Ministry of Economic Warfare to form a good picture of the destruction caused.

"We are quite satisfied with the results, particularly from the point of view of dislocated transport," said an official of the Ministry to-day, speaking of R.A.F. operations during December and January last.

British bombers, he said, succeeded in inflicting considerable damage on Germany's war effort, exceeding the damage caused by German raiders over Britain. Heavy bombs in the heart of Berlin penetrated to the Unterbahn (underground railway) where traffic was brought to a standstill on an important stretch besides damage to shops and blowing the roof off a cinema and halting street traffic.

The damage, he added, was so extensive that it took ten days to clear up in spite of large squads employed to conceal the effects of the British bombing from the civilian population.

Many raids on enemy positions in support of the successful military operations in Eritrea and Abyssinia were carried out by R.A.F. aircraft yesterday.

Keren was again persistently attacked. Several tons of bombs were dropped during the day.

The railway between Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa was heavily and successfully bombed. Trains, railway stations and bridges were damaged. Motor transport on the road was also bombed and machine-gunned.

Free French in Air
Free French aircraft raided an enemy encampment 20 miles north of Gondar. Bombs fell amongst the buildings and transports.

R.A.F. bombers raided Tripoli on the night of March 24 and caused damage followed by explosions amongst Government buildings and in the harbour.

Enemy Nets
Aerodromes at Scarpanto and Calato and Shipping at Astropollis

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Exploits By The R.A.F.
Bombing Attacks On Enemy Shipping

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Some of the exploits of the aircraft of the Bomber and Coastal Commands in attacks on enemy shipping to-day and yesterday are revealed in an Air Ministry communique.

A small enemy convoy was intercepted and bombed yesterday off the Dutch coast by Bomber Command aircraft. In another attack off Holland, an anti-aircraft ship was damaged and near Borkum a naval patrol was bombed. Yesterday Coastal Command aircraft attacked and scattered several enemy mine-sweepers. To-day, a pilot of the Coastal Command sank an enemy supply ship. From these operations one aircraft is missing.

The Hongkong Telegraph

The King With His Night Bombers



The King recently paid an evening visit to a station of the Bomber Command, where, amongst other things, he heard pilots, who were about to take off for raids on Germany, receiving last-minute instructions and advice. This photograph was taken while the King, with the pilots, listened to the instructions of the squadron commander.

El Agheila Occupation

Nazis Took Post Of No Importance

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Little significance is attached in London military circles to the announcement in to-day's Cairo communique that a small enemy detachment had occupied El Agheila—one of the farthest outposts of British defences in Libya, some 180 miles from Benghazi.

Certainly there is no cause for apprehension. El Agheila is but a small village and before the war had a population only about 1,000 of which ten were Italians.

There is, however, a landing ground for aircraft and a small wireless station.

Patrol Withdrawn
We had only a small patrol reaching out to El Agheila and this had been withdrawn before the small enemy force took possession.

The Germans have claimed that the place was occupied by a "German African Corps," but so far information reaching London would suggest that this "Corps" is nothing more than an armoured vehicle or two which were acting as a sort of advance post.

Explanation
CAIRO, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The enemy detachment consisted mainly of Italian motor transport, though possibly a number of Germans participated, according to a military spokesman.

He added that there had been a fair amount of patrol activity along the Tripoli-Agheila border for some time past and the British Command decided that in respect of the proper defence of Cirenaica, El Agheila was "rather exposed to being cut off."

Swiss Comment
LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The Swiss Press Bund on March 25 said: "Yugo-Slavia's adherence to the Three Power Pact does not so much mean her recognition of the new European Order as official recognition of Yugo-Slavia by the states forming part of the new order."

The "National" on the same day stated: "One can no longer help feeling that the rush to join the Three Power Pact is not exactly impressive and that it is more the result of strategic and geographic situation."

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Incivility Complaint At Public Inquiry

A letter sent by Major C. M. Manners to the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, dated February 10, in which he complained of incivility on the part of the Immigration Office staff, was read to the Commission by the chairman, Sir Atholl MacGregor, when the inquiry into the Immigration Department was resumed this morning in the Council Chamber.

The letter declared that after the arrival of the President Monroe on February, Major Manners, went aboard in the course of his duties, and as a result of what he saw and felt he decided to write to the Hon. Mr. Paterson.

In the letter Major Manners stated that shortly after he had gone aboard, Mr. Forrest arrived, apparently in a very unpleasant mood. Major Manners himself did not see anything of the examination of passengers, but while he was standing on the gangway, he saw Captain Thomas of the American President Line shouting to the No. 1 to instruct the stewards to board the ship.

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Yugo-Slavs Show Resentment

BUDAPEST, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Yugo-Slav popular feeling against adherence to the Axis Pact found expression in a huge demonstration of protest in the main street of Belgrade to-day. Students marched arm in arm, singing national and patriotic songs.

There was violent quarrelling among the onlookers. Blows were exchanged and plain clothes police, with whom the city has been filled, immediately intervened and took a number of people into custody.

Even school-children in Belgrade participated in the protests. Hitler's portrait was burned at schools and the portrait of the boy King Peter was trampled with red carnations.

More serious rioting also occurred at Banyaluna, where 14 people were killed. Rioting also occurred at Skopje last night and this morning all telephone lines with Belgrade were cut.

Not Too Late
LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—An impassioned appeal to the Yugo-Slavian people was made over the air by the Secretary for India, Mr. L. S. Amery, to-day.

"It is not too late," he explained, "to keep their national spirit alive. It was the duty of the Yugo-Slav Government before the Pact was ratified to consult their people, who regarded the signing of the Pact as a betrayal of honour and independence."

"What will be your position when Britain has won as she will win?" asked Mr. Amery.

"Even Hitler cannot prevail against England and America together," he said.

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Convoy In North Sea

Drive Off Attacks

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—British light naval forces in operation in the North Sea during the last few days have driven off attacks on convoys by German E-boats.

Several E-boats, states an Admiralty communique, were seen to be hit and it is probable that some failed to return to their base.

No damage or casualties were sustained either by the British naval ships or the merchant ships in the convoys attacked by the E-boats.

Messerschmitt Down
LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that a German aircraft was shot down yesterday while attempting to attack a convoy in the North Sea.

The German aircraft, a Messerschmitt 110, was hit in the nose by guns of H.M.S. Versatile (Commander J. H. Jauncey, R.N.).

No damage or casualties were sustained either by the Versatile or by the convoy.

Governor's Gift To Bomber Fund

A personal subscription of \$1,600 has been received this morning from His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, for the "South China Morning Post" and "Hongkong Telegraph" Bomber Fund.

LATEST

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SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	450
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104 1/2
T.T. France	102 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	102 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/8 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s France	104 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/4

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,335 b.
H.K. Banks	74 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	77 n.
Chartered	2 x d.
Mercantile, A. & B.	2 x d.
Mercantile, C. & D.	10 1/2 n.
East Asia	70 n.

INSURANCES

Cantons	222 1/2 b.
Union	430 sa.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	180 n.

SHIPPING

Douglas	133 n.
Steamships	80 b.
Indo-China	60 n.
Shell (Beaters)	40 7/16 n.
Waterboats	7 n.

DOCKETS ETC.

Wharves	80 1/2 b.
Docks (old)	15 1/2 n.
Docks (new)	15 1/2 n.
Providents	5 1/2 b.
Shai Dockyards	20 n.

MINING

Kailan	15/-
Rubis	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts.

LANDS

Hotels	315 b.
Lands	31 1/2 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/2 n.
Shai Lands Sh.	12 1/2 n.
Humphreys	670 b.
H.K. Realities	3 b.
Chinese Estates	100 n.

UTILITIES

Trams	10.30 b.
Peaks Trams (old)	7 1/2 n.
Peaks Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	5 1/4 n.
Y. Ferries	2 1/4 n.
China Lights (old)	8 1/2 sa.
China Lights (new)	1 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric	30.00 sa.
Macao Electric (old)	18 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (new)	17 1/2 n.
Saukuan Lights	12 n.
Telephones (old)	24 1/2 n.
Telephones (new)	0 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Child: Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$30 n.
Child: Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. \$25 n.
Canton Ice	10 1/2 n.
Cements	10 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes	7.40 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms	18 n.
Watsons	11.10 b.
Lane Crawford	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	39 n.
Powell Ltd.	1.00 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh	45 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	200 n.

MISC.

H.K. Govt. 4%	97 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	94 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940)	94 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1926 Gsds.	42 n.
H.K. Entertainments	7 b.
Constructions (old)	1.00 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	7.20 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)	s/-
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	s/-

THE BOMBER FUND

A total of \$1,740,748.00 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 15th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
24th March, 1941.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Monday, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1941.

HONGKONG TELEPHONE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held in the Board Room of the Company, 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday, the 28th day of March, 1941, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting convened for noon on that day shall have terminated, when the proposed resolution will be proposed as a special resolution:

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:—
"95. The Directors of the Company shall not be 'less than six and not more than ten in number.'"

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By order of the Board,
J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1941.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10% surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,
D. W. MUNTUN,
Manager.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

Gloaming Wins Lincolnshire

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Gloaming (100-7) won the Lincolnshire to-day, three lengths ahead of Gaston (50-1), while Monopole (100-6) was third.

There were 19 runners.

Street (fourth donation)	\$ 15
Chero Club (sale of old uns)	3.32
In memory of Fegan and Garland, Jervis Bay and Albert Bridge	70
"Navigation" Tables	10

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 3RD APRIL, 1941, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3RD APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 52nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 1941, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 9th April, 1941, to TUESDAY, the 22nd April, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,
Manager and Secretary.
Hong Kong, 25th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Issue of 600,000 new ordinary shares of \$10 each

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 1st to 5th April, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
21st March, 1941.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March, 1941, at noon, in the BOARD ROOM of the Company, SECOND FLOOR, EXCHANGE BUILDING, HONG KONG, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1940, and re-electing two Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 14th March to the 28th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1941.

By Order of the Board,
J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.
14, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post	China and Macao	16 cents per copy
British Empire and Foreign		25 cents per copy
The Hongkong Telegraph	China and Macao	14 cents per copy
		16 cents Saturdays
British and Foreign		20 cents per copy
		25 cents Saturdays.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 31st day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, Tytan Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with a option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorized officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Approx. Area in Acres	Upset Price
1	Island Road, Tytan Bay	as per sale plan.	about 30,000	\$44
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The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$750 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

TRANS PACIFIC FREIGHT BUREAU

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS

Shippers are hereby notified that effective April 25, 1941 the rates on Oil, non-essential in bulk, Barrels, Casks or Drums to Pacific Coast and Overland delivery will be US\$19.00 per 2,000 lbs.

TRANS PACIFIC FREIGHT BUREAU.
Hongkong, March 24, 1941.

NOTICE

As from to-day the prices of H.B. Beer (Pints and Quarts) will be increased by \$3.00 per case.

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The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (except London) by Sea from Singapore Mar. 27.
Australia, Rabaul and Manila Mar. 28.
Java and Manila Mar. 28.
Canton Mar. 29.
Swatow Mar. 29.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 7th March) Mar. 29.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 23rd March Mar. 30th.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close at 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 27
Straits, South Africa and Parcels only for United-Kingdom.
R. P. O.

Parcels Mar. 27, 4 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 27, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O.
Parcels Mar. 27, 4 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 27, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 28
Air Mail by Air to Hongkong to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".

G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 28, 4.00 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 28, 4.30 p.m.

Saturday, March 29
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".

G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 29, 12.30 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 29, 1.00 p.m.

Sunday, March 30
Straits and Rangoon 2.00 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and United-Kingdom via San Francisco

Note.—All Mails for United-Kingdom will be forwarded with or without superscription.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 29, 4 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 29, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 29, 5.30 p.m.

*Superscribed Correspondence Only

India C-in-C Inspection

Saw All Services

NEW DELHI, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—With his return to Delhi to-day, the Commander-in-Chief, General Claude Auchinleck has completed an extensive tour of the country in which he saw most of the troops and the production of equipment and munitions in eastern and south-western India.

The inspection embrace many sea and air establishments and every phase of training and production. At Hyderabad, Bombay, Karachi and Jodhpur trains for the Royal Air Force were seen at work.

A special visit was paid to the rapidly completing aircraft factory in south India where the first "Made in India" plane will be ready by the middle of the year.

Woman Decapitated By Aeroplane

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PENSACOLA, Fla., Mar. 26 (UP).—The Navy Department to-day took into custody Ensign J. C. Thompson and Student Pilot Paul Brown who yesterday swooped low over a turnip field near Robertsdale, Alabama, and decapitated a woman worker.

Commander W. D. Hamble said that Mrs. Robert Phillips was killed by a naval training plane "being flown directly contrary to navy orders."

Meat Rations To Be Reduced

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Mar. 26 (UP).—The Ministry of Food to-day announced that the meat ration will be reduced from 1s 2d per person per week to 1s per person per week beginning March 31. Children's rations will be reduced from 7d to 6d per child per week.

Pétain Favours Collaboration

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VICHY, March 26 (Domel).—Count de Brinon, French Ambassador to Paris, announced that Marshal Henri Philippe Pétain, President of the French State, favours participation in the creation of Europe's new order. He said that Marshal Pétain considers that France should resume collaboration with Germany and take a clear position against the de Gaulle Movement.

A Chinese junk foki, Shek Po-so, 30, has been brought to hospital here from Cheung Chow where he arrived suffering from gunshot wounds in the leg. He said he had received the wounds a month ago from Japanese who robbed his craft.

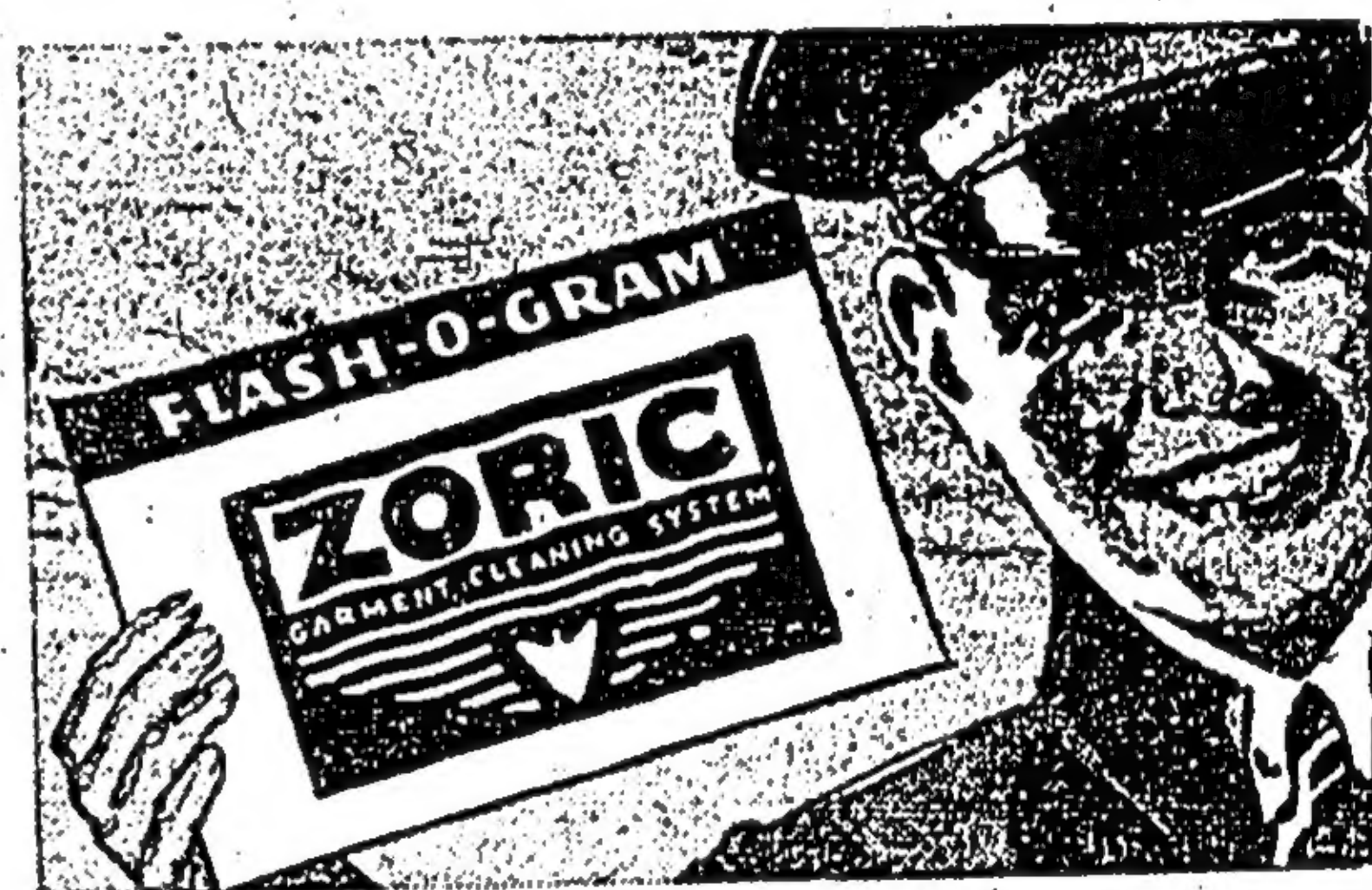
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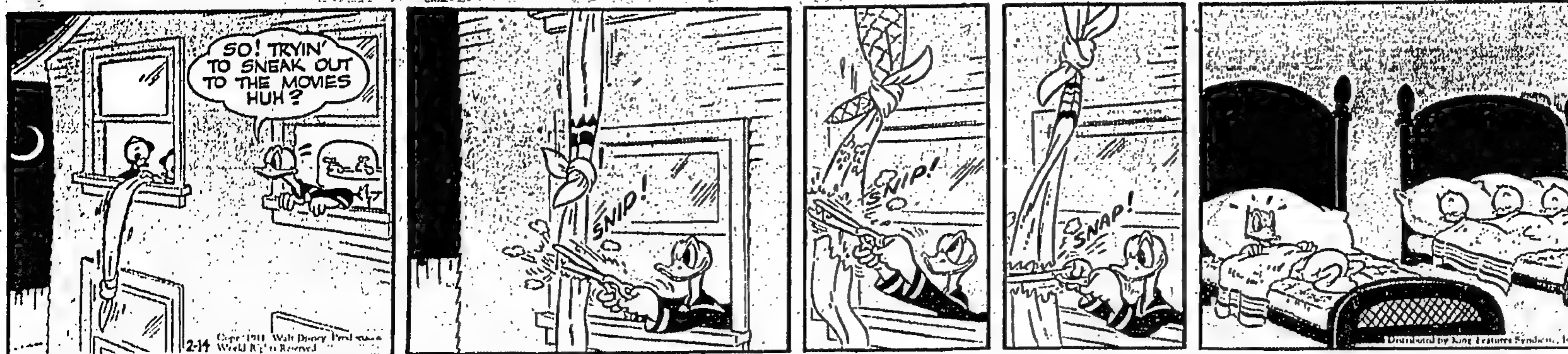
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"If your wife's going to her bridge to-day, Colonel, have her see me first—I've a little propaganda I'd like spread!"

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
 1—Social group
 2—Cul
 3—Dance
 4—The (French)
 5—Person with authority
 6—Symbolic banquet
 7—Foolish child
 8—Self (Scottish)
 9—Minute particle
 10—Eggs of nativity
 11—Tenth of cent
 12—Mile to a tortoise
 13—House for horses
 14—Period
 15—Dust; hydrocarbon
 16—Pretty girl
 17—Gaining
 18—Grown old
 19—Skill
 20—Ancestor of Irish
 21—Publisher's advertisement
 22—Desires
 23—Symbolic salutation
 24—Glow
 25—Otherwise
 26—Threw rocks at
 27—Floors

DOWN
 1—Original
 2—Behind
 3—High mountain
 4—Gentleman
 5—Booth cakes
 6—Paris of wheel
 7—Dance
 8—Large tub
 9—And (French)
 10—Narcotic again
 11—He suspended in water
 12—Room (French)
 13—Crest of boat
 14—Petite country
 15—Denies
 16—Medieval estate
 17—Maiden name
 18—Make lace
 19—But life is trap
 20—Lifers
 21—Vegetable dishes
 22—Valks proudly
 23—Bare (really)
 24—Promises
 25—Pro's spawn
 26—Harte's first name
 27—Kind of sailing vessel
 28—Antelope
 29—Durable tribe
 30—Exclamation
 31—Pronoun

SICILY is a German Island Now

SICILY is a German island now. In Rome a week ago I learned how completely the Nazis have taken possession of it.

The crews and ground staffs of large numbers of German planes, among them many Stukas, have been installed on specially prepared airfields. They swagger around the towns and villages with an arrogant air of superiority.

"Here, you wop," says every German gesture, "get out of our way. Let us get on with the job you've been too funky to get done."

Main Job

The job those Germans and their Stukas have come to do is to prevent the British sending their naval ships and convoys through the narrow straits between Sicily, Pantellaria, and Tunis, as they have been doing, and to escort Italian supply ships to Libya and protect them from British attack.

I do not suppose it is really more than partly the fault of the Germans that the Italian railways are at the moment in chaos, and that many passenger trains have had to be cancelled. That is just part of the general upheaval caused in Italy by this war.

All Italians, however, blame the Germans for this, as well as for everything else that is irking them.

The express train in which I left Rome was so crowded that even the washing compartment was occupied by five people. I stood in a corridor so jammed that I could not move my arm to get out a handkerchief.

Nightmare Trip

It was a nightmare of a journey, this trip from Italy. They sent us a long way round by way of Turin, Modane, Chambery and Narbonne because, so the Italian railwayman said, the direct line through Ventimiglia was choked with trains carrying munitions and supplies for the Germans.

Nor has it made the Germans any more popular in Rome that the A.A. gunners sent there to defend the city against British raids have refused to sleep in the barracks the Italians have placed at their disposal. The taxpayers have had to stump up for the privilege of establishing the Nazis in hotels and boarding-houses.

The Germans, who are much better paid than the Italian soldiers, stroll about Rome like the barbarians of old, sending home loot. Only once did I see an Italian soldier with them.

That was outside the bronze gate of the entrance to the Vatican, where two German officers, accompanied by a Blackshirt officer, asked that they might enter to see around. One of the Pope's Swiss Guards barred the way. "You are not allowed through here in uniform, gentlemen," he said. Italian bystanders smiled their plea-

The following report appeared in the "Daily Express" (London), and was sent from the Franco-Spanish frontier by a special correspondent.

Here he describes the conditions in Italy since the Germans were called in to help Mussolini, and the distress and discontent at various centres.

sure at the disfigurement of the Germans and their guide.

The coming of the Germans, whom many Italians regard as an army of occupation, is causing the rapid strengthening of discontent, even inside the Fascist Party. Uncomplimentary inscriptions have appeared, scrawled in black paint on the walls of factories.

Heavily reinforced secret plain-clothes police are active. They go so far as to arrest on speculation people seen chatting at street corners. Then they ask them separately what they were saying.

Had No Tunic

If the versions do not coincide they clap them in jail. Despite this, people are becoming more and more outspoken. Even strangers, hearing that I was going abroad, said: "Tell the British to come and bomb us. That is the only way to finish the war."

When I was at a tobacconist's in Turin, buying stamps for farewell postcards, a soldier came in. "You look a real warrior, Francesco," the tobacconist teased him.

"Warrior, my foot," said the soldier angrily, "I haven't even a tunic under my overcoat, no buttons for my pants, and my boots hurt me."

"You'd better be careful what you're saying," I said. "I'm going abroad I might tell them what you say."

"Go ahead, tell them," he said. "Tell them what equips soldiers like this," and he threw open his coat, revealing a dirty shirt, his buttonless pants precariously tied up.

Every one in Italy wants news. In the central quarter of Rome a cobbler is the chief news mart. He is a linguist, knows French and English, which he learned in New York, and he has a powerful radio set.

Every day gossips gather in his cellar while the old man hammers at his last, and he tells them what he has picked up from the B.B.C. and other foreign stations. He also gives them his comments.

Mistresses send their maids to hear what the cobbler has to tell. And how they all grumble! One of the chief complaints is the absence of charcoal, which the average Italian uses for his cooking.

In the poorer streets of Rome I often saw women breaking up their furniture to heat the mid-day meal. And what a meal it is, with the Italians allotted only one ounce each of their beloved spaghetti, and that grey-black instead of white. The normal consumption is more than 3 ozs. a day.

Secret Market

Coffee is unobtainable, unless one is prepared to buy it at a secret market, at a penny a bean. People swallow a brown brew made of toasted barley, which passes now as coffee, adding a dash of aniseed or lemon rind to take away the taste.

The soap famine, caused by export of fats and olive oil to Germany, is having the most serious consequences for the army, which is overrun by a scourge of vermin, particularly in Albania. Doctors complained to me that they were powerless to fight it.

Chaos in the medical services is so great that many of the troops are being shovelled abroad hospital ships in Albania without having had their wounds dressed. They are left just as they were when picked up in battle. Many who could have been saved have bled to death.

The airmen were also full of complaints, chiefly on account of the quality of their planes compared with the British.

"British machines are far superior to ours," said one who had returned from Libya on leave. "We have to fly old crates dating back sometimes to 1925. The propeller once dropped off my machine. I was always glad if I got back without the engine having dropped out."

He laughed, and said: "Believe me, the Germans aren't going to find it a picnic, either."

My last information before leaving Italy was that Mussolini had recognised the strength of the opposition and the popularity of Badoglio, his sacked commander-in-chief. As a means of recapturing popularity he was planning, I was told, a theatrical purge of Fascist officials who had become particularly hated.

Now the first thing I hear on arriving on the Franco-Spanish frontier is the dismissal of fourteen Fascist officials and their despatch to the front.

Wants To Help The Negus

An Indian ruler wants to go to Abyssinia with picked troops to fight with the Abyssinian Emperor, Haile Selassie, against the Italians.

He is Nawab Saheb Sidi Armat Khan, ruler of Janjira, an independent native State South of Bombay. He is believed to be seeking British permission to fight with Haile Selassie.

Khan is a descendant of the Royal family of ancient Ethiopia (Abyssinia). An ancestor, Sidi Sur Khan, went to India from Abyssinia in 1600, organised an army, and won control of Janjira.

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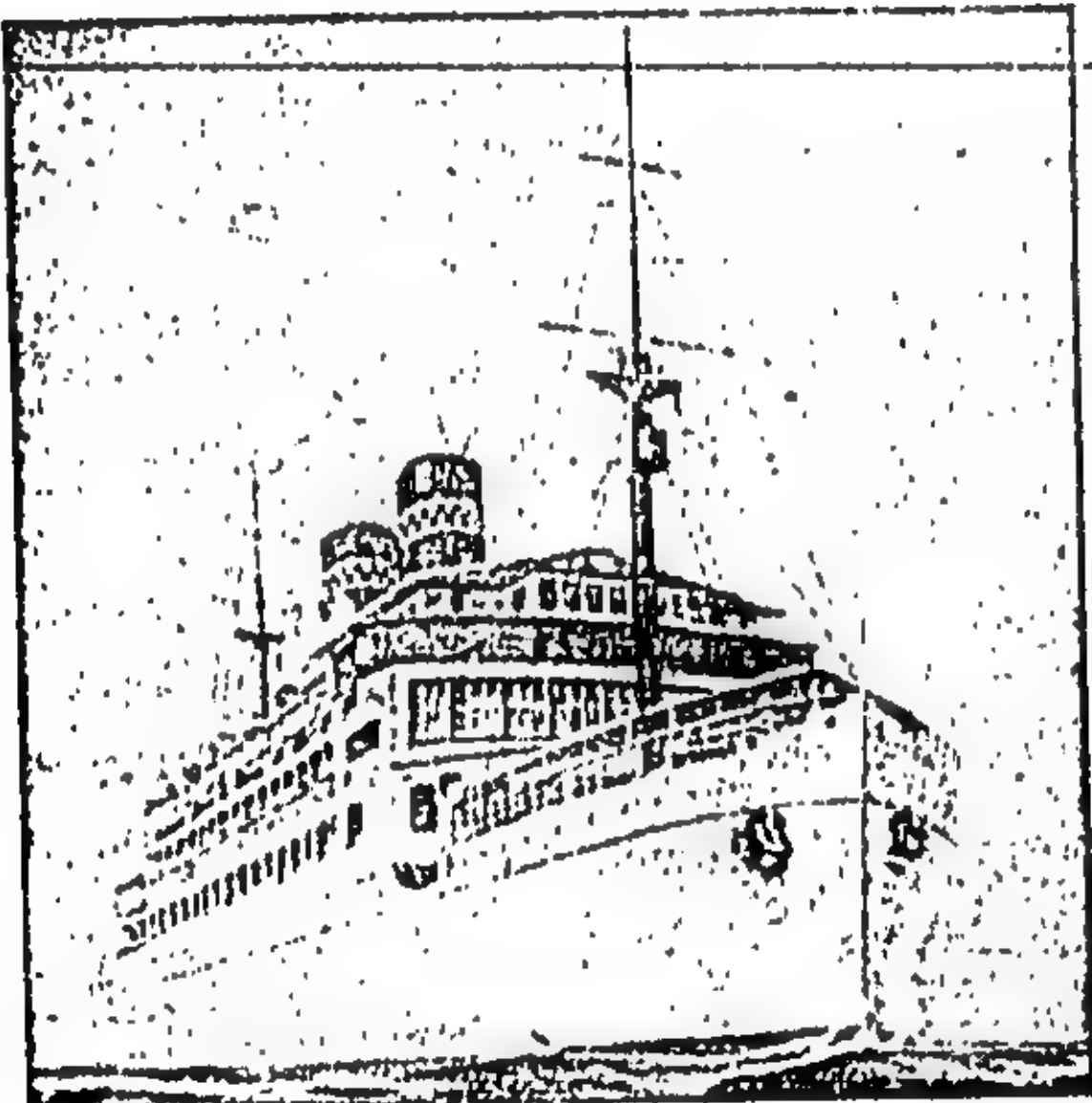
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THE END OF THE WORLD

CONSCIENTIOUS objectors appearing before the tribunals in Britain have revealed some strange religious beliefs and practices. One of the strangest is that of the body known as "Jehovah's Witnesses," and the Church of Scotland Home Board has thought it worth while to issue a pamphlet on the creed and practice of the sect.

One of their strong points is prophecy, and, like many other peculiar people, they are keen students and expounders of the Book of Daniel and of Revelation. And, again like their prophesying brethren, they stress the early coming of the millennium, to be ushered in by the destruction of the world, and apparently by fire.

It is strange that this belief has not been weakened or upset by the frequency of the failure of such forecasts. For many centuries there may not have been a single generation in which the belief that the end of the world was at hand was not firmly held. The Early Christians certainly believed it. Time and again through the ages a great catastrophe would turn people's thoughts in that direction. Hallam tells us that in the tenth century an opinion prevailed everywhere that the end of the world was approaching. Many charters began with the words, "As the world is now drawing to its close." The belief persisted more or less widely to the present age, rising and falling for no apparent reason. In the middle part of the last century there was a strong recrudescence of the conviction, and the last war and this seem to have given it a renewed impetus. One incident towards the close of last century gave a serious shock to the faithful and caused the Philistines to scoff. A prominent prophet made bold to forecast the very year in which the end of all things would come. That roused considerable excitement, but it died down when it was discovered that the prophet had taken a lease of a house for several years further on than that he had foretold as the end of time. The story may have been an invention, but it seems to have had its effect in damping down the ardour of the seers.

The arrival of the Australians at Singapore was a thrilling event in itself. More than that. It was received with the same enthusiasm in the United States as throughout the British empire, and elsewhere. It was a wonderful symbol of the greatest thing in the world. That is, the steady emergence before our astonished eyes of unmatchable forces in the cause of freedom. We are thinking not only of the general movement of the English-speaking world in its entirety. We mean something still wider—the colossal co-operation of the United States with the whole British Commonwealth. Together they represent hundreds of millions of populations; a machine-power still larger in proportion; and resources which are both unapproachable in extent and inexhaustible in supply. With us in heart, and partly in action—as more and more they will come into action—are other hundreds of millions of mankind.

The Ironie Miracle

This is what we call the greatest thing in the world. Only our enemies and their confederates could have created it. The Axis and Japan have brought it about. By their Tripartite Treaty they have done more for us and our cause than we could have done for ourselves. This contrast between intention and effect is the Nazi Nemesis. It may be remembered as the ironic miracle of all political history.

One moral speak for itself. Whatever may be the perils of the deadliest struggle now opening for Britain and perhaps for the empire, they are surpassed by the rising inspirations. The dangers to the island and the ocean-wide Commonwealth during the coming months—and in directly to the foundations of the United States—will be the gravest, the most urgent, and perhaps the most far-ranging that they ever faced.

The Rising Cause

But there is a shining and a kindling side to it. On every side the strength of freedom is rising with emergency. Our encouragements increase and multiply. Every day brings fresh revelation that the new aids are more than equal to the new hazards by sea, air and land. We fight for sane civilisation; for deepening humanity; for a sovereign reign of peace based on element justice and inviolable law. This fight we wage is unconquerable in its nature—the soul of civilisation depends on it—it is the rising cause of the world—it calls forth powers, both moral and concrete, which nothing can withstand.

The new tyrannies, in a word, are evoking the new democracies whose fighting federation will overpower the aggressors. We are nearing the crucial conflict of the whole war. Between now and autumn the ultimate issue will be plainly determined. We are closely confronted by the sternest trials, the grimmest tests, and by multiplied tasks near and far. But look well at the other side. Britain and the empire and the United States—in its own distinctive and tremendous way—are shaping to break the climax of attack by a world-wide epic of freedom such as was never seen nor supposed till now. The aggressors, sure. There will be as little

By J. L. Garvin

eminent English journalist and editor of "The Observer"

WILL JAPAN STRIKE?



Mr Garvin says: "At need the gallant outpost of Hongkong would be defended to the last."

when they made their plots and pacts, never conceived the possibility of this sequel.

Australia Is There

Turn to the immediate facts in the Far East. The critical situation was revealed in a flash by the arrival of the Australians for the defence of Singapore and Malaya. Our air-forces have been powerfully strengthened for the same purpose. As to the great sea-basis we must not attempt to dwell in detail to-day on other circumstances of natural position, modern fortification with sweeping fire, or naval resources even at the outset. The combined factors make Singapore one of the redoubtable fortresses of the world just as in far-reaching significance it is second to none among the world's strategic keys.

It concerns not only the Further East proper, but other vast spaces and populations. If it fell into hostile control the present security of India as well as Australia would disappear. With that would vanish the security of the Dutch part of the East Indies and of all the rest of that marvellous island-system. Between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific it ranges away for some thousands of miles. It includes the Philippines. America's political and economic interests in all this sphere are incomparably more important than the Philippine group itself. To keep in the present friendly hands Singapore and all the immense region it guards, is almost as vital to the United States as the possession of the Panama Canal. We need hardly add, what everyone knows, that the fate of all China hangs on the same considerations. So does the whole question of America's future in the Pacific.

Thus Far ...

The policy of Tokyo combines smooth words with ominous actions. For a long time the increasing ambiguity has been uncomfortable. While this actual situation continues or deteriorates, Britain has abstained strictly from any act or word that might cut the thread of hope. Such as it is. Our practical business now is to provide in earnest against the chance of the worst, and even against its possible imminence. That is what Mr Churchill's administration is now doing in a manner which repeats its historic stamp of courage and resolution.

For India, as for Australia, this policy is one of front-line defence. It demands their active participation in a special degree. At the same time it is a policy backed by the entire British empire. It has the solid approval of the Government and people of the United States. At a pinch it would have the whole support of their power. From now forward we shall not yield now single inch to Japanese pressure. There will be as little

question of that as of submissal to the Axis. At need the gallant outpost of Hongkong, far from all other British bases though it lies, would be defended to the last.

The Fanatical School

Among the Japanese, as is well known, there are wise heads and moderate influences. Unfortunately there is no evidence yet that they are likely to count. The control seems to have passed into the hands of the extreme nationalist school. Its ambitions are limitless. Its fanatical vehemence is ignorant and blind. These unbridled jingos imitate the Nazi technique. Though their devastating adventure in China has dragged on into its fourth year without attaining its object they still seek the subjection of 400 millions of people. Eternity would not be enough for that job.

They have enforced a virtual suzerainty over French Indo-China. In the next territory to that they try to manipulate Thailand, whose frontier for many hundreds of miles marches with that of Burma. Already Tokyo has moved considerable naval forces into the Gulf of Siam. Movements of troops towards Thailand are rumoured.

Dreams And Fatality

All this comes skin-close to the frontiers and shores of Burma and Malaya. In Malaya and the East Indies are oil, rubber, tin, and a wealth of other natural resources. Small wonder that the forward school of Japanese militarists are intoxicated by the dream of southward conquest and expansion. They imagine that it would give them the potencies and treasures of half the globe. When the conflict in Europe and the Atlantic is coming to its height they think that their opportunity is now or never. For aught we know they may intend to synchronise their own open blow in the Further East with that of Hitler in the Balkans and with his intensified submarine campaign. That is why the British empire is now ready for anything in the region of which Singapore and the Malay peninsula are the keys.

That Way Madness Lies

The same principle of immediate preparation against the gravest possibilities applies with the same force to the United States. Mr Roosevelt's unbending determination would be supported in actual emergency by the overwhelming mass of the American

people. There would be no backing down by Washington. This certainty offers the only real hope that Tokyo may be restrained from the mad plunge into unlimited jingoism.

Why mad? Not only because it would widen the war. Worse. It would lengthen the war. And to a degree that would exhaust utterly all Japan's resources, strained as they are already by the expense and loss of the interminable attempt to subjugate all China. The southward gamble on the Nazi model would mean at long last the national suicide of modern Japan and could mean nothing else. Needless to say, there is no question yet of combined action between the United States and Britain. America's parallel action is none the less significant. Her fleet in the Pacific is equipped at once with dive bombers and fighters up to war-time strength. It does not mean challenge any more than our own measures in concert with Australia. But it does mean the same resolve to meet a challenge.

America's Momentum

We cannot realise too vividly the meaning of the American factor in the whole war and the scale of its promise. A gigantic effort of industrial output for war is now fully planned. Its execution is about to gather a momentum that will stagger aggression. America can outproduce in the long run the whole of Hitler's Europe and Japan as well. It is what she intends to do before she finishes her own part of the job with the might of her own tools. Add to that the fighting and economic assets of the whole British empire. The long-range comparison with the resources of the Axis and Japan is in an overwhelming degree favourable to the freedom of nations. The great Arms Bill is now law. From his friend Mr Harry Hopkins, whose recent visit to Britain was historic though quiet, the President now knows all there is to be known about British circumstances, methods, needs, and plans.

We need bombers for counter-attack—and this is where the rapid increase of our offensive strength is most alarming to the enemy. We need tanks and guns. Above all, we need more destroyers against submarines, and more merchant tonnage to replace the sinkings. Though the co-operation of the British Commonwealth and the United States is the greatest thing in the world, it depends upon maintaining at all costs a world-wide command of the seas. In six months America's production, though still far from its peak, will reach proportions that Hitlerism and its confederates never can overtake.

Britain Holds The Gap

Meanwhile Britain and the Dominions have to hold the gap. It is a grim gap. We have to face the battle for Britain, the battle for the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, the battle of Africa, the battle in the Balkans; and perhaps, with these, the battle in the Far East. That manifold ordeal is unparalleled. We have the heart and sinew to face it. Our inspirations are above all we hoped. America, true to type like ourselves, will stake all at need upon our victory and her own. From now until autumn we are the fighting trustees for every hope of the present world and of time to come. We shall be unbending determination would be supported in actual emergency by the overwhelming mass of the American people for ever the spirit of man.

Shelter Dialogue In Germany

By
NATHANIEL CUBBINS

"VOT vos dot?"
"Dot vos anodder bompf."
"Soon dere vill American bomps be."
"Oncle Heinkelhunkel no longer at Hamm resides."
"Vy vos dot?"
"Because dere no Hamm iss."
"Der Vossischer Sossisher Zeitung say der no London iss."
"Der Slossisher Kossisher Zeitung say dere no Englandt iss."
"Der Frankfurterstein Schweinhundenblatt say dere no Englandt iss, no British Navy, no British Army iss."
"If dere no British Army iss, der Italians must from demselves run."
"Himmet, vot vos dot?"
"Dot vos two, tree, six bomps."
"And dot?"
"Dot vos der ammunition works."
"Der newspapers haf not yet said dere no British Air Force iss."

JAPAN ON SIDE OF GERMANY

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in an interview with the German newspaper, "Angriff," is reported by the German radio as stating: "Britain and United States will always oppose Japan's constructive work in the Far East. Japan is, therefore, on Germany's side."

"We want nothing from the Americans and leave them in peace. They should follow our example and leave us in peace in Asia."

The interview is stated to have taken place in the train taking the Japanese Foreign Minister to Berlin.

Japanese Ideal
Japan will not lag behind Germany in courage and determination to establish the world on the basis of the new order.

Mr Matsuoka added: "The ideal, which is dear to the Japanese above all things, is embodied in *Nishio Ichio*, that harmonious world community with room for all nations, in which they can realise their wishes and fulfil their missions."

That ideal, he added, was the basis of the Tripartite Pact.

Met in Berlin

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, and many other Nazi leaders and diplomats, including Yugo-Slavia's representative, were at the station to welcome Mr Matsuoka to Berlin.

The station was specially decorated and the military Guard of Honour was mounted.

Herr von Ribbentrop later drove with Mr Matsuoka through specially decorated streets to the Bellevue Palace which will be Mr Matsuoka's headquarters during his stay in Berlin.

Matsuoka's Movements

TOKYO, Mar. 26 (UP).—The "Asahi Shimbun" correspondent at Vichy reports that Mr Matsuoka, upon his return to Berlin from Rome on April 4, will summon the Japanese Ambassadors to Italy and Rome and also the "Charge d'Affaires" at Vichy for an "important conference."

Springboks To Stay In Africa

CAPE TOWN, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The question of the use of South African troops outside Africa was raised in the House of Assembly to-day.

General Jan Smuts, the Premier, stated that the Government intended to abide strictly by the decision taken by Parliament at the beginning of the war against overseas expeditions. If circumstances arose which, in the opinion of the Government, made it necessary to send troops outside the African continent, Parliament would be summoned.

General Smuts stated that the Government was entitled to use its troops in any part of Africa and would do so if necessary.

He added that no South African troops were at present fighting in Greece or anywhere outside Africa.

Generous Pledge No Barbarity In Abyssinia

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Halle Selassie's proclamation to his people last July appealing for mercy for the Italians was published in its text in London to-day for the first time at the request of members of Parliament.

The proclamation promised British arms, "of which you are so much in need," and announced that the British air force was destroying enemy fortifications.

It proceeds: "I have notified the Italians in Ethiopia, who are now completely encircled, that they should surrender to save themselves useless destruction. Therefore, I charge you solemnly to receive kindly and protect those Italians who may surrender. Do not retaliate with the cruelty which was inflicted on our people but show yourselves honourable, humane soldiers."

Captive Italians

"Do not forget that where valiant Ethiopians made Italians captive at battle, they handed them to their Emperor without doing them any harm, thus earning for Ethiopia honour and a good name."

When the proclamation was circulated in the House of Commons, the Labour members, Mr Noel Baker, suggested that the Government publicly express appreciation of the "generous and statesmanlike policy followed by our Ally, the Emperor of Ethiopia, despite the many cruelties of Italians against his subjects."

Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, agreed that it was a valuable document which should be read with all consideration.

JEWS REACH PALESTINE Taken In Custody

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUCHAREST, Mar. 26 (UP).—Four hundred Rumanian Jews, mostly doctors, lawyers and engineers, who recently made a dash to Palestine without permits, have been arrested by the British authorities and placed in a concentration camp near the Palestine coast.

This is reported by the newspaper "Timpul" under a Constanza dateline which states that the steamer Darian II, flying the Panamanian flag, was seized while attempting to land its passengers. The Darian II left Constanza on February 15 with 800 Jews aboard from central and eastern Europe.

Newspapers In China

Using Native Paper

CHUNGKING, Mar. 26 (Central News).—Registered Chinese papers published in China number 555, according to Mr. Peng Keh-chen, Director of the New Section of the Central Publicity Board.

Hunan claims the largest number of registered papers with 64. Szechwan ranks second with 50 and Chekiang third with 50. Sinkiang, Chinghai (Kokonor) and Ninghsia have each only one paper. Chungking, the wartime capital, has 11.

Owing to the shortage of imported newsprint, native newsprint is now used by most of the papers.

Altogether 212 radio stations scattered in the provinces of Szechwan, Honan, Kwelchow, Sikong, Hunan, Kiangsi, Anhwei, Fukien, Chekiang, Kansu, Shantung, Yunnan, Hupeh, Kwantung, Hopei, Shensi, Shensi, Ninghsia, Chinghai and Suiyuan, are distributing news sheets.

There are about 110 war correspondents in various war zones and enemy "occupied" areas.

Quo Tai-chi Entertains

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Central News).—Dr Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador in London, was host at an informal luncheon yesterday. Among those present were the Belgian and Portuguese Ambassadors, Lord Listowel, President of the China Campaign Committee, Sir Walter Layton of the Ministry of Supply, Sir George Frankensleigh, former Australian Minister to Britain, Lady Layton, Lady Frankenstein, and Ronald Storrs, well-known British historian.

DEMANDS ON AMOY British Member Takes Up Issue

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).

—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr I. C. Hannah asked for information regarding Japanese demands in Amoy and whether steps were taken to support the foreign administration against demands calculated to subject the settlement to Japanese domination.

Mr R. A. Butler, replied that the Japanese Consul-General in Amoy presented four requests on January 20, three of which presented no difficulty but the fourth was for the immediate appointment of six Japanese sergeants in the police force.

No Quorum

Consequently three non-Japanese members of the Council resigned, leaving it with no quorum.

Since then the Council's functions had been carried on by the Consular Body.

Negotiations had been proceeding between the Japanese Consul-General and the British Consul-General in the capacity of senior Consul.

Mr Hannah asked: "Isn't the present position extremely unsatisfactory?"

No answer was given.

COMPULSORY INSURANCE

Covers All Homes

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).

—Under this scheme every British home is indeed a castle," declared Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, broadcasting to-night on the new War Damage Act providing for compulsory insurance of property and free limited compensation for destroyed furniture.

The Chancellor declared that the scheme applied covered everyone. It covered not only actual destruction but consequential damage such as that resulting from rain falling through a hole in the roof caused by bomb.

Those who had already suffered would be treated as if the scheme had been in force since the outbreak of war.

The Chancellor described the act as an essential part of our answer to Hitler. He added: "The R.A.F. over Germany are giving him another answer which will continue to grow more and more unpalatable to him."

JAPANESE AFFAIRS

Italian Envoy's Call

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Mar. 26 (Domel).—Sig Mario Imbello, Italian Ambassador, called on Mr Chuchi Ohashi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the Foreign Office to-day and held a 30-minute conference on the international situation, particularly with regard to the relations between Japan and Italy.

National Service

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Mar. 26 (Domel).—Lieut. General Heisuke Yanagawa, Minister of Justice, has accepted the Vice-Presidency of the National Service Association.

Coal Mine Disaster

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Mar. 26 (Domel).—Dr Tsunoe Matsudaira, Minister of the Imperial Household Department, this morning informed Mr Kichiro Totsuka, Governor of Hokkaido, that their Majesties the Emperor and Empress have been pleased to make a Privy Purse grant to the families of the victims of the Mibai coal mine disaster.

Two Raiders Destroyed

Attacks In South

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Enemy aircraft, operating singly over the southern half of England, dropped bombs to-day, doing little damage though several houses in the west of England were destroyed and industrial buildings in two southern towns were damaged.

Casualties nowhere were large though some were fatal according to an Air Ministry communiqué.

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Britain's Last Word To Belgrade

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).

—Britain's last word to the Yugo-Slav Government before the latter signed the Axis Pact was disclosed in a text by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Mr R. A. Butler) in the House of Commons to-day.

When signature of the Pact appeared imminent, the British Minister in Belgrade sent a note to the Yugo-Slav Government, indicating that Britain had been led to believe emphatically that no action could or would be taken capable of harming or making serious difficulties for nations upholding a cause which, she was assured, the Yugo-Slav people regarded as their own.

Entering Opposite Camp

"The British Government, therefore, are shocked to learn that Yugo-Slavia now suddenly contemplates signature to the agreement whereby she will not only abandon her neutral attitude but will enter the very system of Britain's enemies."

"If such an agreement is concluded, the British Government is bound to point out that in the light of recent history, the Yugo-Slav people will almost certainly be drawn more deeply into that system as time goes on."

"The history of the past 18 months has shown how little Germany scruples to honour the assurances that she gives."

Mr Butler continued that responsibility for the results of their present decision rests with the Yugo-Slav Government.

Commons Ask About Badlands

Butler Still Hopes

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to a question by Sir John Wardlaw-Milne regarding the working of the agreement for policing the Badlands outside the International Settlement in Shanghai, said that after lengthy negotiations extending over several months, an agreement was signed on February 1 and came into force on March 15.

Mr Butler continued: "While conditions in the area have continued to be unsatisfactory in recent months, it is yet too early to judge what result the new agreement will have."

CHINA RELIEF IN U.S. BALL \$5,000,000 Campaign

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Mar. 26 (UP).—Mr Wendell Willkie will be the chief speaker at the dinner opening the \$5,000,000 drive to aid China in the Waldorf Astoria ballroom on Saturday to be given by the Writers' China Relief Committee.

Mr Vincent Sheehan, Chairman, presides and other speakers will be Pearl Buck; Mr James G. Blaine, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United China Relief Committee; Mr Henry R. Luce, Editor of "Time," and Ambassador Hu Shih.

Sub-debutante usherettes will be clad in Chinese robes. The dinner will feature a Chinese menu while the tables will be decorated with Chinese colours.

Mrs Vincent Sheehan will head the Women's Committee at the dinner.

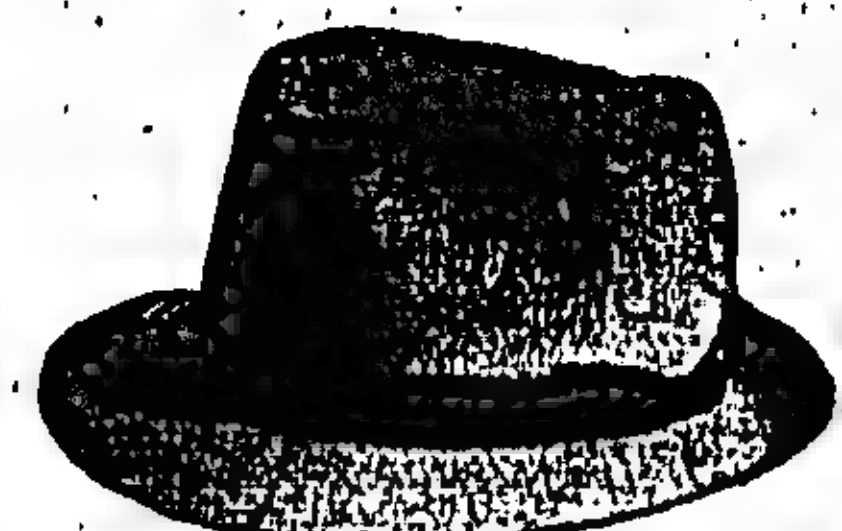
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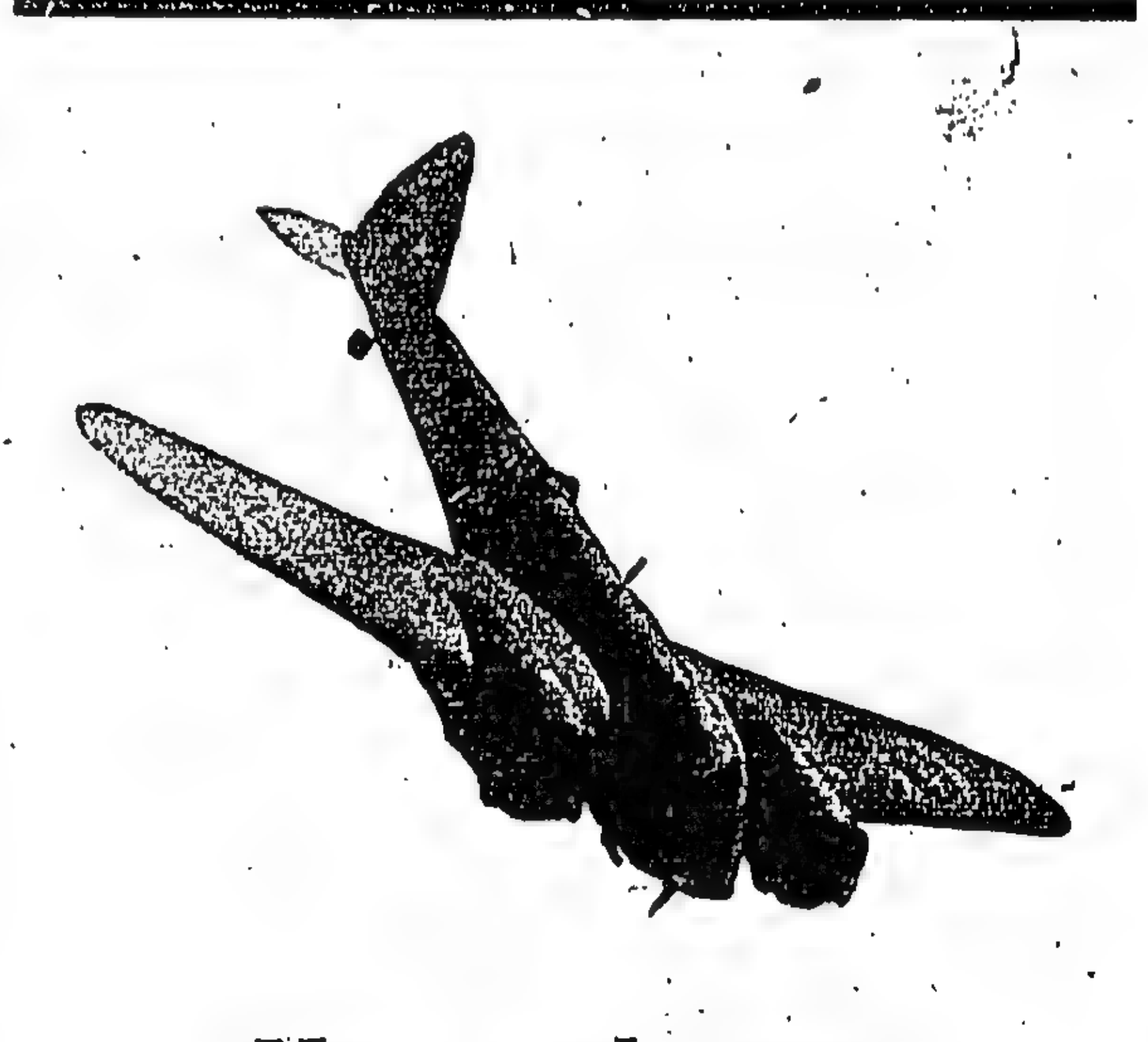
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America's latest Flying Fortresses. Rushed by clipper plane, latest films show the British aircraft carrier "Ark Royal", which helped bomb Genoa. Prime Minister Churchill inspects shipyard.

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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

On Passing And Forward Combination

Old Tactics Improved: Hit-and-rush Methods Superseded By New

SHORT PASSING in hockey, which earlier players had brought down to a fine art, has, to a large extent to-day, been superseded by the through pass. This, in turn, is nothing more than the oldest style of hockey play—known as hit-and-rush—improved on a scientific basis.

So that we see little of the short square passing game that was so entertaining to watch.

The tendency has been to make players more individual than before, and the present centre-forward is generally seen doing rather more than the average amount of dribbling. This is to draw the defence, and make the through pass more effective.

But centre-forwards must not make themselves slaves of this new attack, but should use discretion in when to employ it, and vary methods as much as possible.

A clever defence, alive to these methods, can position themselves far more easily to frustrate them than they could to check a fast and clever line of forwards moving with the short passing game.

On wet and heavy ground, where defenders find it more difficult to turn quickly, the through pass has far greater chances of success, and here again generalship and brainwork are important.

Forwards In General

IN the Nineties, long passing, hard hitting, tapping the ball along in the air and the hit-and-rush methods were common. Then came the better known Clubs developed shots like the jab, the lunge, the flick (or push) and the scoop, and these were seized upon eventually by all.

This led to a much more scientific game—that of to-day—which on improved hard fast grounds has led to the suppression of violence by artistic wrist-work.

If the ground be heavy and clayey, hard passing is to be adopted with less of the push and flick. If the defence has the temerity to let too far up, hit-and-rush tactics in sudden bursts will still pay.

Preparations

FREQUENTLY the captain or some player in the team will be familiar with characteristics of their opponents' play, and instruction in defensive or attacking tactics should be given and decided upon. The captain may even surprise his men by a sudden change of tactics if some star performer of either the opposition or his own side is off his game, for, as in the 'nineties, offence is usually the most efficient defence.

Before a game, do not neglect to try the pace of the turf. Not by cracking the ball as hard as you can at the goal, but by having a player run up and down the field once or twice with the ball, being careful to hold the stick exactly as it would be held in the match. There have been too many accidents through this insane hitting about in the circle.

Next Sunday's Tournament Fixtures

The following are the H.K.H.A. Tournament fixtures for next Sunday (at 10.30 a.m.):

5th A.A. "B"	v. Gunboats
Police "A"	v. Recoile
C.B.A.	v. Destroyers
5th A.A. "A"	v. Nomads
At 4 p.m.	
Khalisa	v. R. Signals
R. Engineers	v. University

The first named team plays at home.

League Badminton

Chung Hwa Win Junior Section Championship

DEFEATING King's College 6-3 in the play-off, Chung Hwa secured the championship of the "B" Section of the Junior Badminton League at the Kowloon Cricket Club last night.

It was a great struggle, for though the score was 6-3, it might very easily have been 5-4 in King's favour. S. B. Chau and W. C. Chung were the winning combination for King's taking all three of their games. On scores and on play, the outcome of the issue depended on the form of P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu and they came through with colours flying, but only just. They beat K. H. Lo and K. J. Atwell 24-21, and beat K. C. Lui and H. T. Wu also 24-21.

Another exciting match was that between W. C. and W. H. Choy and K. H. Lo and K. J. Atwell (King's). The former won 21-19. Standard of play throughout the evening was fairly high.

The winners will meet the champions of the "A" Section to decide the supreme Junior champions. Scores were: B. Chau and W. C. Chung beat C. M. Chiu and S. C. Liang 21-4, beat W. C. and W. H. Choy 21-3, beat P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu 21-11. K. H. Lo and K. J. Atwell lost to Chiu and Liang 12-21, lost to Choy and Choy 10-21, lost to Leung and Chiu 21-24. K. C. Lui and H. T. Wu lost to Chiu and Liang 14-21, lost to Choy and Chiu 10-21, lost to Leung and Chiu 21-24.

Random Jottings

Bomber Fund Matches

THOUGH the H.K.H.A. have done very little this season in the way of games, they are, however, the first to run a tournament in aid of the Bomber Fund, and have beaten the H.K.H.A. to it.

The Ladies Seven-a-side tournament will take place at King's Park on Saturday, April 5. There are at least seven teams in the competition, and some keen tussles are anticipated. Enthusiasts will give them all the support they need—and all for a good cause.

ACCORDING to the revised H.K.H.A. fixture list, the only two unbeaten teams in the Tournament are Club de Recoile and the Police "A" and they will meet next Sunday.

It is rumoured, however, that the Police are anxious to meet Recoile in their final match, with the fixture to be played in aid of the Bomber Fund. Should this materialise, next Sunday's game will be postponed. It is a splendid idea, and the Police should take further steps to make the match a success.

IT is about time the H.K.H.A. held a meeting to discuss the International Tournament. I would also suggest that the final game he played in aid of the B.W.O.F.

The Association, so far, have done nothing for charity, and this is a time when it could be done. Since the ladies have taken the initiative, they will probably follow suit. It is about time they did.

Tournament Tennis

Umetani-Pagh Match Again Unfinished

(By "Tinker")

RECALLING the great struggle some years ago between H. D. Rumjahn and Tsui Yan-pui in the Open Singles semi-finals, M. Pagh and O. Umetani were again unable to reach a decision in their Open Singles match at the Hongkong C. C. yesterday. Their first match was abandoned when each had won one set. Yesterday the scores were (Pagh first) 6-4, 3-6, 11-11.

Results of other games in the Open Singles were: Fung Yee-pui beat Kenneth Lo 6-7, 6-4, 6-3. Li Sheldis Goodman beat C. Dunne 6-0, 6-1.

Nearly everyone was certain that Pagh was going to win the third set when he led 4-1, but the Japanese climbed to 4-all. Pagh again went into the lead—in fact he was always in the lead throughout the set—at 5-4, but with unflinching regularity each lost his service game and finally the match closed at 11-11.

Umetani commenced in the first set with an attacking game, and in this the tennis was the most sparkling of the three. Pagh, who is essentially a baseline player with no volley worth mentioning, kept Umetani on the baseline, too, for on the few occasions that the Japanese advanced Pagh passed him down the side with his accurate forehand.

Weaknesses

BOTH players were weak but steady on the backhand, and consequently both endeavoured to concentrate in that direction. Many points were lost through weak and silly returns, and, in fact, far more points were won on mistakes than through winners. But the match, nevertheless, was interesting throughout.

In the second set Umetani adopted a more cautious game, and waited for Pagh to make the mistakes—which he did.

Cautious Tactics

AT the commencement of the third Umetani again essayed to be a little more forceful, and in a very short while he was 1-4 down. Cautious tactics were then adopted, and the Japanese proved to be the steeper. Pagh was ever trying to force for those vital points, especially when he was leading 4-1, 4-2 and 4-3, and only by the smallest margin did he fail.

The light was becoming bad. The balls were about the same colour as the court, and there were many faulty decisions from the linesmen and umpires. One was especially bad, in that it gave Pagh a game when the score should have been deuce.

When the score was 10-all, and when Umetani had developed a cramp, new balls were produced for the last two games, and it was something that should have been done at the beginning of the third set. It would have been unfair on either player to have continued in the then



Winners of the Scratch Fours at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club Spring regatta at Deep Water Bay on Sunday. The team: L. P. Ralph, J. C. McDougall, K. B. Nelson, J. Moodie (stroke) and D. B. Nelson (cox).—Ming Yuen.

H.K.H.A. Tournament

Police "A" Maintain Unbeaten Record

POLICE "A" maintained their unbeaten record at Lyemun last Sunday, when they met the 5th A.A. Battery "A" in a scoreless draw. The respective defences, as the score indicates, were usually on top, but both forward lines in turn missed scoring chances.

Play was exceedingly fast on a dry hard ground, and the Aek-Aek's, who had the better team, were only foiled by some fine goal-keeping by Naranjan Singh.

In the first twenty minutes, the Police forwards pressed for long periods without success, although Howlett and Teja Singh went close. Clague, on the right wing for the Gunners, made some brilliant runs

Tournament Table

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Police "A"	11	9	—	2	38	4	20
Recoile	10	9	—	1	39	8	19
C.B.A.	12	9	2	1	39	14	10
Police "B"	13	8	4	1	25	18	17
5th A.A. "A"	13	7	4	2	28	20	16
Khalisa	11	7	3	1	34	12	15
Nomads	9	6	3	—	20	18	12
R. Engineers	11	6	5	—	47	14	12
R. Signals	11	6	5	—	23	14	12
A.N. Others	12	6	6	—	29	24	12
University	10	2	8	—	6	36	4
Gunboats	11	2	9	—	10	35	4
5th A.A. "B"	8	1	7	—	12	28	2
Destroyers	10	1	9	—	3	39	2
2nd M.T.B.s.	11	1	10	—	8	61	2

down the line but his shooting was poor, and Blackburn, on most occasions, had the better of him.

The concluding half saw the Aek-Aek's on the attack, but they could not penetrate a stout defence, though they were seen in several break-away.

Fine Goal-Keeper

NARANJAN SINGH, in goal, was a rare stumbling block which the Battery could not overcome. His cool clearances on three occasions saved the side from defeat.

The Police halves were seldom seen to advantage. Leale was hurt early in the game, and Gough as pivot was slow. It was fortunate that Hayward, on the left, was up to scratch and he kept a good eye on the speedy Khuda Bux.

Teja Singh was the best of the forwards, and Narwan Singh, playing his second game, proved a useful left winger. Man Singh, at right back, gave a useful display.

Better Defence

IN a game of rather few notable incidents, the all-round ability of Mastan Singh, the Battery's centre-half, was outstanding. Of three good halves, he was the best, and he nipped many a movement in the bud. He fed his forwards with well-placed flick passes, and was always up in support.

Amar Singh and M. Khan defended cleverly at back. Khuda Bux and Nur Khan were dangerous forwards, though the former was too individualistic at times.

In my estimation, Police were lucky in forcing a draw, and will have to give a better show if they hope to beat the Club de Recoile, who have only lost one point.

To-day's Matches

Matches to-day are:

OPEN SINGLES

Fung Yee-pui v. Paul Kong.
I.M.A. Razack v. S. Y. Tong.

OPEN DOUBLES

George Choa and A. V. Remedios v. O. Umetani and T. Imura.

League Soccer

Kwong Wah Defeat Navy In Second Division

KWONG WAH gained a deserved victory over the Royal Navy at Boundary Street yesterday, when they won 4-1 in a Second Division football match.

Goal scorers for Kwong Wah were Leo Yam-ling (2), Leung Chi-lup and Leung Bing-kum.

Brecoe netted Navy's only goal.

Third Division

At Happy Valley, 30th Battery beat Sing Tao 3-2.

The Gunners scored through Hill (2) and Webber, while Sing Tao registered through Chang Moon-wing and Sin Yau-sang.

very bad light, for a victory under those conditions would hardly have been satisfactory. But the question of linesmen and umpires again raises itself.

Yesterday, no blame could be attached to the umpire. He was in great difficulty with the light and the deceptive colour of the balls. But errors arose from having baseline judges give decisions on the sidelines, too. It was because of this that the aforementioned point went to the wrong side.

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Chinese Retake Koaan City Causing Heavy Casualties

KAOAN, Mar. 26 (Central News).—Following the recapture of Chuankong, Tcheng, Chukiang, Hwefow, Shihowkai and other strategic points in northern Kiangsi, Chinese forces yesterday evening smashed their way into Koaan and reoccupied the city. The Japanese abandoned more than 2,000 dead and large quantities of arms.

Besides dispatching crack units to pursue the fleeing Japanese, the Chinese authorities are instituting immediate relief and rehabilitation measures in Koaan.

Meanwhile, as a result of the mop-up operations carried out by the Chinese during the past few days, the Chukiang-Tcheng area is now cleared of Japanese stragglers. The main Chinese force is pushing vigorously toward Nanchang.

Other Successes

SOUTH KIANGSU, Mar. 26 (Central News).—As a result of sanguinary fighting during the past week, the Japanese offensive on the Kiangsu-Chekking border has been shattered with more than 3,000 casualties.

In a surprise attack on Changching, strategic west Chekking city, Chinese troops yesterday recaptured Lin-chengching south-west of Changching.

A signal success has also been scored in the Hing area where the Japanese have been ejected from Changting, strategic town north-west of Hing, and are falling back on the latter city.

Chinese troops yesterday broke into Liyang, important Japanese stronghold on the Kiangsu-Chekking border.

Canadian Budget

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" OTTAWA, Mar. 26 (UP).—The House of Commons to-day passed and sent to the Senate the \$1,300,000,000 war appropriations bill.

It has been debated almost without interruption since February 18 and represents the largest sum ever introduced in the Canadian House of Commons.

NEAR EAST Turkey's Interests Same As Allies

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Turkey has an absolute community of interests with Britain.

This declaration was made to-day by Dr Refet Canitez, Vice-President of the Turkish National Assembly, broadcasting from Ankara.

Bulgaria, he said, had surrendered her independence while Greece, "who is our neighbour and friend, has been fighting against the aggressor with a heroism which would be the envy of mythological heroes."

The Anglo-Turkish alliance, he continued, had thus far kept the peace in the Near East but the "danger has now penetrated into our zone of security and has assumed an extent which constitutes a threat to our existence."

"On the day that our security is encroached upon, the Near East will be transformed into a battle-field."

NARCOTICS USE GROWING

—Occupied Area

CHUNGKING, Mar. 26 (Central News).—Narcotics trading by the Japanese in the "occupied" areas has become more serious than ever before, reports received by the Ministry of Interior from the local authorities indicate.

No sooner do Japanese troops enter a town, county or village than Japanese and Korean roun begin to establish cigarette stores which actually sell heroin, morphine and other narcotic drugs. The Chinese civilians are induced to take drugs by all possible methods. As a result, there is an alarming increase of addicts.

Meanwhile, Chinese farmers are forced to plant poppy. In Honan province alone flourishing poppy-fields are found in all "occupied" areas.

In Tsinan and other places healthy Chinese are often arrested on charge of harbouring "dangerous thoughts" while drug addicts are let alone.

SPAIN'S NEED OF FOOD

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The food situation in Spain is very serious and both Britain and America would be very glad to allow wheat shipments to go to Spain.

This statement was made to "Reuters" to-day by an official of the British Ministry of Economic Warfare.

Asked whether the French Government had thanked Britain for allowing food to go to France, the official replied that a recent Vichy broadcast had said something to the effect that the needs of Unoccupied France were now being met.

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Selections from Puccini's Operas.

2.15 Close down.

6.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Boston Promenade Orchestra and Webster Booth (Tenor).

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Meet Uncle Sam.

7.30 Compositions of Friml.

8.0 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Some Welsh Songs.

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 A Chopin Programme.

9.0 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Magyar Imri and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

9.45 Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Evelyn Laye (Soprano).

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.0 London Relay—To Talk of Many Things.

10.15 Variety and Dance Music.

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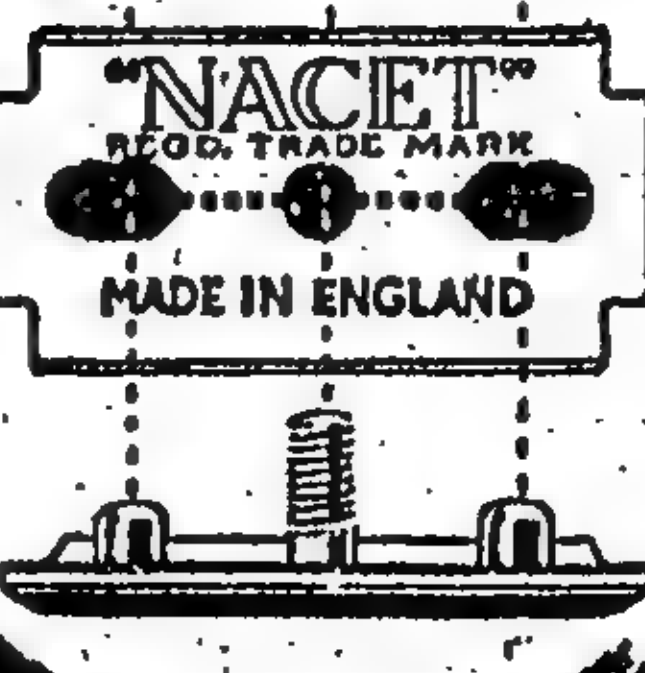
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No Wild Gambling After This War Says Mr Bevin

Special to the "Telegraph"
LONDON, Mar. 26 (UP).—Britain will be in no mood for stock exchange gambling at the end of the war said Mr Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, during a speech at a luncheon of the Drapers' Chamber of Trade.

"At the end of the last war," he declared, "the nation was in the mood to capitalise on the results of the war. This took the form of wild speculations and dissipations of our reserves and ultimately disaster to many businesses."
"Millions of people, as a result of propaganda, poured their war savings into these wild speculations and lost everything."
"But to-day, the grimness of our situation is realised. These attacks upon our cities and our homes has forced some the realisation that when the war is ended, and we can call our souls our own, the nation will must be devoted to tasks of reconstruction—wiping out the slums, preserving the countryside, establishing and correcting equilibrium between town and country by developing great public services."

How R.A.F. Are Blasting Reich

FROM PAGE ONE

of important industrial establishments.
Mannheim suffered much more heavily than Berlin during these two months. Widespread damage was inflicted on the installations in the main docks. Several barges were sunk in one raid and water traffic was blocked.
At the same time, shipyards were damaged, production was held up, more than one engineering shop was completely destroyed and others were damaged by high explosives and fire.
Among the Rhineland towns visited, Dusseldorf was the particular sufferer.

Mannheim Plant

Speaking of R.A.F. damage to Mannheim, which is the most important industrial centre of the Middle Rhine, the official said that the damage inflicted on plant and buildings of the Heinrich Lanz Works is believed to run into millions of marks, and that production is likely to be affected for some time.
There is reason to believe that the damage suffered by several other works had set the German chemical industry some difficult problems.
Several hits were scored on Mannheim's main passenger and goods stations where an ammunition train was involved with unfortunate results to the surrounding district.
Near a goods station, a direct hit was obtained on the central Field Post Office for the German Army of Occupation in France, necessitating its removal to Stuttgart.
As a result of the attacks, concluded the official, all railway traffic had to be diverted from the Mannheim area through Karlsruhe, and is likely to be overloaded.

Incivility Complaint

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Several Immigration Officers were on the gangway and as the stevedores boarded everyone produced his identification card and photograph.
Shortly after this Mr Forrest came to the head of the gangway and shouted "who are those people coming on board?" and the Immigration Officers answered "They are stevedores."
Mr Forrest shouted: "No one without proper passes are to be allowed on board."
Major Mann's letter went to say that he regarded this behaviour as being a disgrace and that Mr Forrest acted as a person who was mentally unbalanced.
The letter contended that Mr Forrest's behaviour was the subject of open criticism on all sides and that as he (Major Mann) was jealous for the reputation of Hongkong, especially in the treatment of foreigners coming here, he had decided to write the letter in the hope of improving matters.

Bank Employee Testifies

Mr J. D. McClatchie of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank gave evidence before the Commission.
Mr McClatchie corroborated Mr Kobza's statement of yesterday regarding the opening of a bank account. He said that Mr Kobza saw him with the original intention of opening a banking account entitled the "General Agency, Immigration Office," but he, (Mr McClatchie) suggested that it would be better to make it the "Kobza Art Studio, No. 2 Account."
Mr E. A. von Kobza-Nagy this morning told the chairman (Sir Atholl MacGregor) that he was now in a position to furnish security to the Government yesterday he was not able to do. He handed a cheque for \$3,000 to the Commission for their inspection.
Mr R. A. D. Forrest questioned Mr Kobza about a dinner party given by the heads of seven agencies. Mr Kobza said he was not invited to the party, but later he heard that certain remarks damaging to Mr Kobza and the general agency system had been passed at the dinner. He made a report of this to Mr Forrest. It was also ascertained that the head of a certain agency had made a farcical attack on the general agency.
This agency had been struck off the list of recognised agencies because some 40 deposit receipts had been found to be forged.

AERIAL NEAR EAST WARFARE

FROM PAGE ONE

Island in the Dodecanese were bombed and machine-gunned yesterday. A number of German aircraft on the ground at Scarpanto were severely damaged. A merchant ship received a direct hit and was machine-gunned. Other damage was caused at Calato.

Malta Attacked

Enemy aircraft attempted to dive-bomb the harbour at Malta, but no serious damage or casualties resulted. Slight damage was done to civilian property.

ETHIOPIAN INSURGENTS

FROM PAGE ONE

an outside track leading north of Lake Tana via Debratabore, but even this is endangered as the revolt is spreading in the Beghimidre province.
A fighting priest who wears an amber necklace recently returned to the front from a visit to the Negus. He became an irreconcilable foe of the Italians after his church had been burned.

Yugo-Slavs Show Resentment

FROM PAGE ONE

tion of the states involved than an expression of honest enthusiasm at incorporation in the hierarchy of states in which small peoples must serve the political and military necessities of the leading great Powers."
Demonstrations Continue
NEW YORK, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—It is reported from Belgrade that demonstrations are continuing to-night in the capital as well as in many other parts of the country.
Demonstrators in Belgrade are demanding a Yugo-Slav understanding with the Soviet. The Police are making repeated attempts to restore order.
Reports are reaching Belgrade that demonstrations are occurring at Sarajevo, Ragusa, Lublana and Valavo.

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BRITAIN MAKES READY HER FLEET FOR THE BIG ATLANTIC CONTEST

By RONALD VAN TINE
Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, MAR. 26 (UP).—GERMANY'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ICELANDIC WATERS ARE NOW IN THE GERMAN BLOCKADE ZONE HAS INTENSIFIED BRITAIN'S EFFORTS TO RUN DOWN THE GERMAN RAIDERS.

NAVAL OFFICIALS DECLARED THIS CONCURRENTLY WITH THE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS FROM GIBRALTAR ASSERTING THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE BRITISH MEDITERRANEAN FLEET WOULD SOON CONCENTRATE THERE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAILING INTO THE ATLANTIC.

HOW R.A.F. ARE BLASTING REICH

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Observations by the R.A.F. and reports from "other sources" of air raid damage in Germany enable the Ministry of Economic Warfare to form a good picture of the destruction caused.

"We are quite satisfied with the results, particularly from the point of view of dislocated transport," said an official of the Ministry to-day, speaking of R.A.F. operations during December and January last.

H. K. Officer Torpedoes A Tanker

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The submarine Sturgeson (Lieut. Commander St. Clair-Ford), sank an 8,000-ton German tanker off the Norwegian coast.

The Admiralty, announcing this, says that the submarine fired at the tanker during mist and when the mist cleared 20 minutes later, only part of the tanker could be seen above the water.

* Lieut. Comdr D. St. Clair-Ford was well known in Hongkong when he served aboard H. M. Submarine Perseus. A Scottish Rugby International wing-threequarter, he played against Ireland and England in 1930; against England in 1931 and against Wales and Ireland in 1932.

He played Rugby for the Royal Navy in Hongkong in 1934 when the Senior Service won the Triangular Rugby tournament and again in 1937. He also played for Hongkong against the New Zealand Universities' touring fifteen in January and February of 1939.

Carol For Chile

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LISBON, Mar. 26 (UP).—Ex-King Carol to-day received the Chilean Minister, Senor Jose Mario Grant and thanked him and also asked him to thank President Aguirre for the authorisation of a visa and permission to reside in Chile. Carol will depart shortly.

It is understood that Argentina had previously refused a visa.

Turkey Believes She May Soon Be Attacked

Special to the "Telegraph"

ISTANBUL, Mar. 26 (UP).—After the Russo-Turkish non-aggression communique and Yugo-Slavia's signature to the tri-power pact, Turkish political circles declare there is nothing to do but to settle down and await a German attack on Greece and, possibly later, Turkey.

It is indicated that the waiting time might not be long. Diplomatic officials and travellers from Bulgaria—almost the only people who are able to get transit visas—state that the number of Germans already installed is generally underestimated and may already be 500,000 men.

Students Demonstrate

BELGRADE, Mar. 26 (UP).—The students of one Belgrade high school demonstrated this afternoon. The

Meanwhile, it is understood that the 35,000 ton British battleship King George V, carrying three planes mounting 14-inch guns, and capable of 30 knots, has been stationed in Canadian waters since leaving the United States after disembarking Lord Halifax in mid-winter—hence, she would presumably be available for raider duty.

Reliable sources explained that Iceland is not included in the area which President Roosevelt recently defined as the Western Hemisphere; however, it has been considered an outpost to Greenland whose surrounding waters are patrolled by United States neutrality vessels. The island has long been considered as a possible "stepping stone" for flights of American fighting planes to Britain because they require a re-fuelling point on account of the low gasoline capacity, compared with the big bombers which now fly non-stop across the Atlantic. Naval officers said that if Germany decides to operate the 26,000 ton battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, carrying four planes and mounting 11 inch guns in the North Atlantic, it will necessitate the British despatching big warships and warplanes to hunt them down.

Ready To Meet Threat

By WALLACE CARROLL
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 26 (UP).—British sources to-day indicated that the Empire's steel, material and troop disposals have been completed and are in readiness to meet any major German thrust in the Mediterranean or the Balkan areas.

It was concurrently reported from Gibraltar that the big British fleet concentration in the western Mediterranean is possibly preparing to hunt down German submarines and surface raiders in the north Atlantic, for the purpose of safeguarding the vital food and munition shipments to the United Kingdom from the United States.

Mr. Gratian McGroarty, "United Press" correspondent who is accredited to the Mediterranean fleet, cabled to-day that the British are ready for action throughout the Mediterranean area after many days of heavy movements on all positions.

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LATEST

IMMIGRATION OFFICERS ACCUSED OF INCIVILITY

Accusations of incivility and rudeness were levelled against officers of the Immigration Department when the public inquiry into the operations of the Immigration Office were resumed at the Council Chamber this morning.

Serbian Protest Movement Grows

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELGRADE, Mar. 26 (UP).—Reports from throughout Serbia indicate the protest movement against the pact is almost exclusively confined to youngsters, leading neutral observers to believe there must be some organised purpose behind it.

HALIFAX ASSURES Britain Will Win The War

NEW YORK, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Britain would fight for 20 years if necessary, declared Lord Halifax at a press conference to-day. He gave it as his "deliberate conviction" that the combination of military, naval and air power and blockade would give Britain victory over the Nazis and their Axis partners.

The duration of the war would depend on the speed of American help. Referring to the post-war world, Lord Halifax said that Britain did not want a vindictive peace but she was going to see that steps were taken to ensure that the world should not see a repetition of the present situation at the hands of Germany.

New Economic Order

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, 26 (UP).—Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, to-day told the press that Britain is willing to include Germany in the post-war world. "We are willing to co-operate sincerely with us. We would like to see world economies so ordered as to relieve the nation's anxiety over the inability to obtain raw materials and facilitate the exchange of goods and services. The United States and Britain will be a magnet for other nations. We do not want to see a vindictive peace."

Plane Delayed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ABOARD THE U.S.S. BENSON,
Mar. 26 (UP).—The naval plane bearing the seven billion dollar Aid to Britain Bill has been ordered to return to Miami, due to the rough weather which made a landing on the sea too hazardous. Thus, President Roosevelt's signature awaits an improvement in the weather and this is expected on Wednesday.

The King With His Night Bombers



The King recently paid an evening visit to a station of the Bomber Command, where, amongst other things, he heard pilots, who were about to take off for raids on Germany, receiving last-minute instructions and advice. This photograph was taken while the King, with the pilots, listened to the instructions of the squadron commander.

JAPANESE TRAIN CRASH

142 Casualties

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OSAKA, March 27 (Domel).—Blocking traffic on the Tokaido, trunk railway line extending from Tokyo to Shimonoseki, a triple collision last night caused two deaths and injuries to more than 140 people.

Two limited expresses as well as other trains were held up throwing Osaka Station into confusion.

The triple accident occurred at 9.50 p.m. near Tsukamoto Station, the first stop west of Osaka, where a westbound passenger train was hit on the side by a freight car leaving nearby yards. The impact flung the locomotive, baggage car, and second-class car off the tracks and down an embankment. Other carriages of the passenger train were also derailed.

Into this wreckage dashed an eastbound inter-urban electric train crushing the derailed cars and their passengers.

Preliminary investigations showed that the freight train had the right of way.

The accident is believed to have been caused by the delayed departure of the freight train.

British In Greece

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BELGRADE, Mar. 26 (UP).—Informed quarters report that British mechanised units were observed on Greek territory to-day opposite Djedjeitja on the Yugo-Greek frontier.

Foreign Women Detained In Korea and Charged

Special to the "Telegraph"

SEOUL, March 27 (Domel).—Fifteen English and American women missionaries in Korea were arrested at 8 a.m. on March 26 on a charge of plotting an anti-war campaign, the Public Peace Department of the Government-General of Chosen announced in a communique last night.

The announcement charged that these missionaries attempted to hold anti-war prayer meetings throughout churches in Korea simultaneously.

Thousands of leaflets containing the text of the prayer—"of an extremely improper, anti-nationalist and anti-war character"—have been distributed among various churches in Korea under the International Women's Prayer Society "acting under the instructions of the International Prayer Society," the communique stated.

"The authorities do not intend to suppress or impede lawful preaching of faith but are taking rigorous

measures against anti-nationalist manoeuvres hiding behind the fair name of religion," the announcement stated.

Sacred Campaign

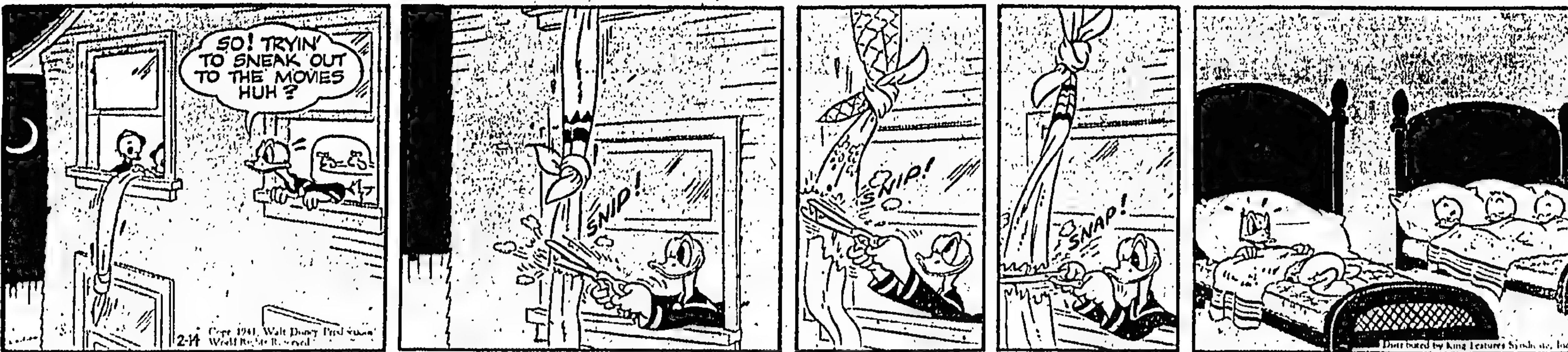
The communique charged that some of the English and American missionaries who are members of the Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees of the Christian Churches in Korea "blindly assuming that the present sacred campaign in China was an Imperialist war of aggression" have been "craftily" engaged in forming anti-nationalist and anti-war ideas among "careless Korean believers" since the outbreak of the China conflict. The communique stated.

Not Too Late

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—An impassioned appeal to the Yugo-Slavian people was made over the radio to-day.

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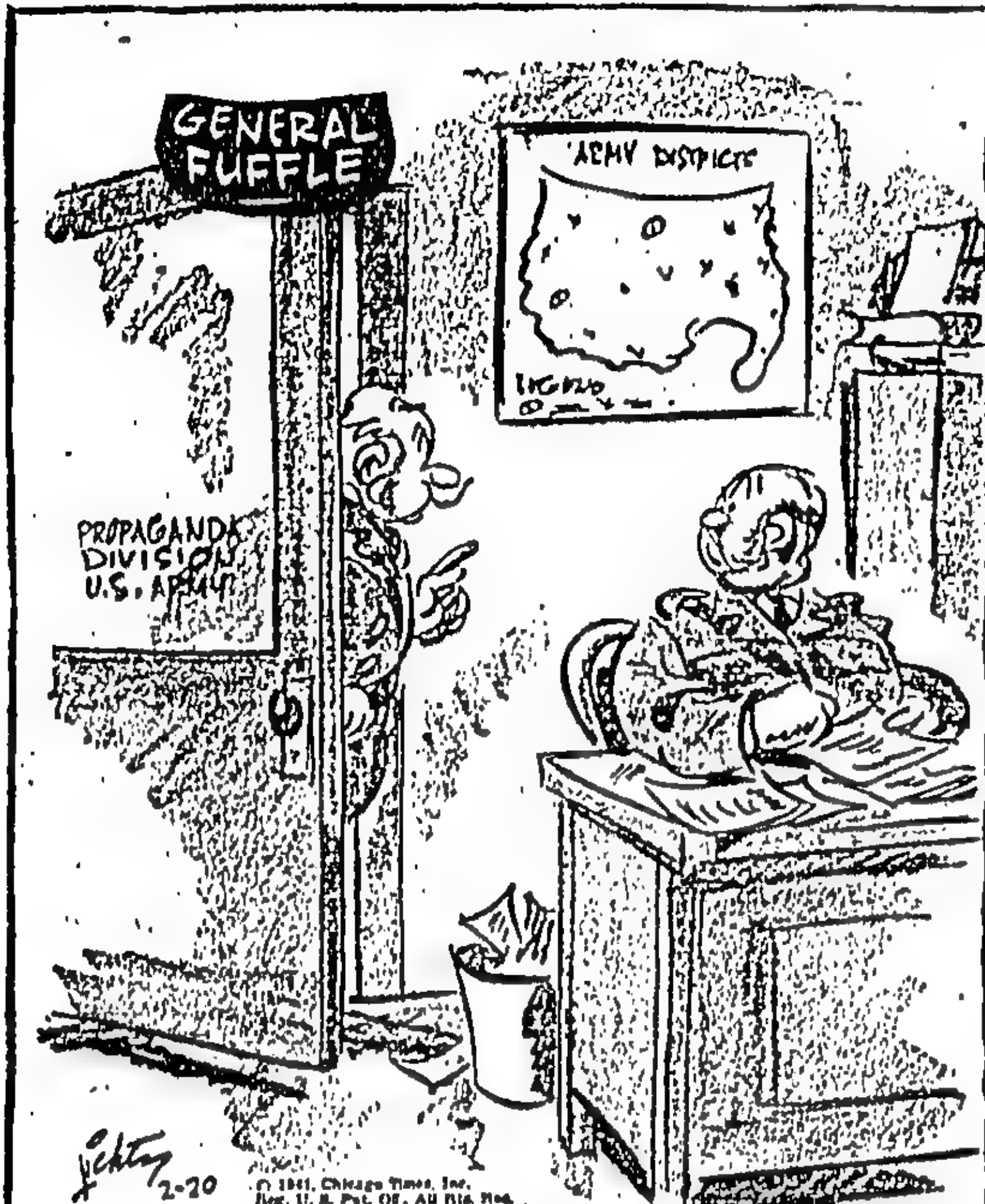
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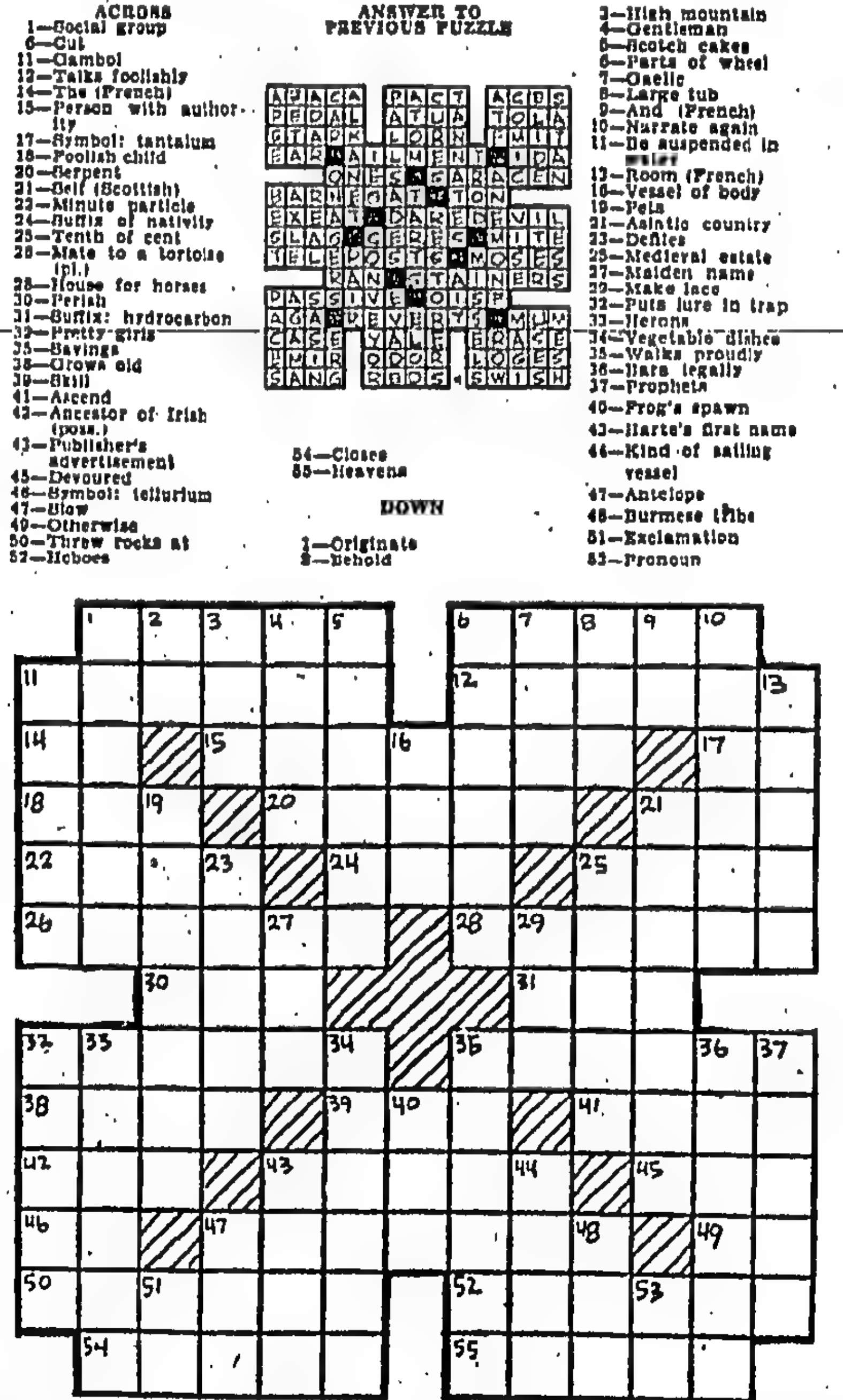
GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"If your wife's going to her bridge to-day, Colonel, have her see me first—I've a little propaganda I'd like spread!"

Crossword Puzzle

By LAHS MORRIS



AERIAL WARFARE Dodecanese & East Africa

CAIRO, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Many raids on enemy positions in support of the successful military operations in Eritrea and Abyssinia were carried out by R.A.F. aircraft yesterday. Keren was again persistently attacked. Several tons of bombs were dropped during the day. The railway between Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa was heavily and successfully bombed. Trains, railway stations and bridges were damaged. Motor transport on the road was also bombed and machine-gunned.

Free French In Air

Free French aircraft raided an enemy encampment 20 miles north of Gondar. Bombs fell amongst the buildings and transports. R.A.F. bombers raided Tripoli on the night of March 24 and caused fires, followed by explosions among Government buildings and in the harbour.

Enemy Nests

Aerodromes at Scarpanto and Calio and shipping at Astropolia Island in the Dodecanese were bombed and machine-gunned yesterday. A number of German aircraft on the ground at Scarpanto were severely damaged. A merchant ship received a direct hit and was machine-gunned. Other damage was caused at Calio.

Malta Attacked

Enemy aircraft attempted to dive-bomb the harbour at Malta but no serious damage or casualties resulted. Slight damage was done to civilian property. One Junkers 88 was shot down by anti-aircraft fire and others were damaged. From all these operations our aircraft returned safely.

El Agheila Occupation Nazis Took Post Of No Importance

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Little significance is attached in London military circles to the announcement in to-day's Cairo communiqué that a small enemy detachment had occupied El Agheila—one of the farthest outposts of British defences in Libya, some 180 miles from Benghazi. Certainly there is no cause for apprehension. El Agheila is but a small village and before the war had a population only about 1,000 of which ten were Italians. There is, however, a landing ground for aircraft and a small wireless station.

Patrol Withdrawn

We had only a small patrol reaching out to El Agheila and this had been withdrawn before the small enemy force took possession. The Germans have claimed that the place was occupied by a "German African Corps" but so far information reaching London would suggest that this "Corps" is nothing more than an armoured vehicle or two which were acting as a sort of advance post.

Explanation

CAIRO, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The enemy detachment consisted mainly of Italian motor transport, though possibly a number of Germans participated, according to a military spokesman.

He added that there had been a fair amount of patrol activity along the Tripoli-Tripoli-Cirene border for some time past and the British Command decided that in respect of the proper defence of Cirene, El Agheila was "rather exposed to being cut off."

THE BOMBER FUND

A total of \$1,745,749.00 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:
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REPORT ON S. P. C. WORK Monthly Meeting

At the monthly Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, held on March 20, the 'Casu Report' showed 260 new cases, involving 378 children, had attended the Society's Centres. During the month, 8427 visits had been made to the Centres by persons needing assistance.

The Finance Report showed an expenditure of \$3,166 for the month of February, the continued increase in expenses being due to the higher price of milk and other necessities. It was reported that an unwanted baby girl of two months had been placed in the B.C.M.S. at Fanling. Two orphan boys aged nine and seven respectively had been recommended at the King's Park Camp, and another of twelve years sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital for medical treatment prior to being placed in the Bethel Mission.

The Society was also instrumental, on behalf of a member of the public, in arranging for three boys to be admitted to the St. Louis Industrial School where, in due course, they will be taught a trade.

Mr. C. G. Solis, Chairman, extended a welcome to Dr. Graham Cumming who had accepted an invitation to serve on the Committee.

Those present at the meeting were, Mr. C. G. Solis (Chairman), Mr. A. el Arculli, Major D. Brazier, Miss N. E. Elliott, Rev. Father Guarnoni, Mr. A. McKellar, Mr. Kwok Chin, Mrs. Graham Cumming, Mrs. G. I. Angus, Dr. Lee Ha Long, Hon. Mr. L. T. Fong, Miss Shin Tak Hing, Mr. L. D. Skinner and Dr. Graham Cumming. Apologies for absence were received from—Sir Atholl MacGregor, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Sir Robert Ketwell, Mrs. Pearson Grant, Mr. S. Y. Bow, Mrs. J. T. Smalley, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. J. M. Noronha, Mr. W. A. Jones and Mr. F. P. Franklin.

KEREN COUNTER ASSAULTS

British Hold Gains (BY "REUTERS" ON THE KERE FRONT)

Mar. 26.—While R.A.F. and artillery continue to hammer the Italians on the peaks around and in Keren itself, the supply and maintenance services are rushing material to the front in preparation for the next assault.

Despite vigorous Italian counter-attacks, the British troops are well able to hold their positions taken during the advance at the end of last week and patrols are sent each night along the slopes of the heights still held by the enemy.

These counter-attacks are becoming increasingly costly to the Italians the boulder-covered slopes leading to Fort Dolgozode are strewn with bodies left by the enemy after each of their nine attempts to recapture their position.

In one of two attacks on Monday night, the Italians used three tanks and an armoured car. One tank is believed to have been knocked out. The others retired.

Rome Communique

ROME, Mar. 26 (UP).—To-day's communique states: "The fierce battle at Keren continues with heavy losses on both sides. The Italians repulsed a new British attempt to force a passage of the Dabus River in the Galla Sidamo region. The British made air raids on Tripoli on Tuesday night."

India C-in-C Inspection

Saw All Services

NEW DELHI, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—With his return to Delhi to-day, the Commander-in-Chief, General Claude Auchinleck has completed an extensive tour of the country in which he saw most of the troops and the production of equipment and munitions in eastern and south-western India.

The inspection embraces many sea and air establishments and every phase of training and production. At Hyderabad, Bombay, Karachi and Jodhpur trainees for the Royal Air Force were seen at work.

A special visit was paid to the rapidly completing aircraft factory in south India where the first "Made in India" plane will be ready by the middle of the year.

BRITISH RAILWAY BONDS

Tokyo Holding Out

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked what provision had been made to protect British bond-holders of the Shanghai-Nanking and the Tientsin-Pukow Railways in view of the fact that the concerns were built with British money and are now controlled by a Japanese company with revenues of a million yen a month.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the British Government had repeatedly made representations in respect of both railways and requesting that an arrangement should be made to meet the obligations of British bond-holders and allow the British railway staff to function in accordance with the provisions of the loan agreements.

"I regret that no satisfaction has yet been received," added Mr. Butler.

Significant Quiet Over Britain

Ready For Raid?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Mar. 26 (UP).—London's fifth and Britain's fourth consecutive blitz-free night has just passed.

An editorial in the "Daily Express" says: "The Nazis are not raiding us because they are getting ready for something big. An attack on Britain is sure to come."

It may take the form of heavy and continuous interception of our sea-borne traffic.

It may take the form of organised continuous attacks on our ports. It may take the form of attempted landings of parachute troops at many places at once in the hope of holding the ground for invading divisions."

Longest Calm

The lull is the longest that London has been raid-free, day and night, since the start of the air blitz last September. The previous record was 120 hours between January 23 and 28 which was passed shortly before midnight.

A joint communique issued by the Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security states, "Nothing to report."

Luftwaffe Split

LONDON, Mar. 26 (UP).—The "Press Association" said the Balkan developments have resulted in a "serious splitting up" of the strength of the Luftwaffe which has sent considerable formations into Rumania and Bulgaria.

It estimates that since the fall of France, the Germans have concentrated against Britain three air fleets consisting of 5,000 planes based in Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and France. The total strength of the Luftwaffe is believed to be 35,000 planes of all types including trainers, transports and navy planes while the first line strength is "probably no higher than 5,000 or 6,000."

Immigration Office Case

Messenger Remanded

Ng Chi-hon, 27, messenger, employed by the Immigration Office, was remanded for one week by Mr. J. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning, on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences.

Det. Sub-inspector J. O'Donovan said that on March 4 Defendant obtained \$25 from the Immigration Department by falsely pretending that he was the depositor named on the receipt.

Defendant said that he obtained the money because his mother was ill at the time, and it was needed to buy medicine.

Defendant was remanded for one week in order that he may find means to refund the money. He was allowed bail of \$50.

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No Wild Gambling After This War Says Mr Bevin

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 26 (UP).—Britain will be in no mood for stock exchange gambling at the end of the war said Mr Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, during a speech at a luncheon of the Drapers' Chamber of Trade.

"At the end of the last war," he declared, "the nation was in the mood to capitalise on the results of the war. This took the form of wild speculations and dissipations of our resources and ultimately disaster to many businesses."

"Millions of people, as a result of propaganda, poured their war savings into these wild speculations and lost everything."

"But to-day, the grimness of our situation is realised. These attacks upon our cities and our homes have forced home the realization that when the war is ended, and we can call our souls our own, the nation will must be devoted to tasks of reconstruction—wiping out the slums, preserving the countryside, establishing and correcting equilibrium between town and country by developing great public services."

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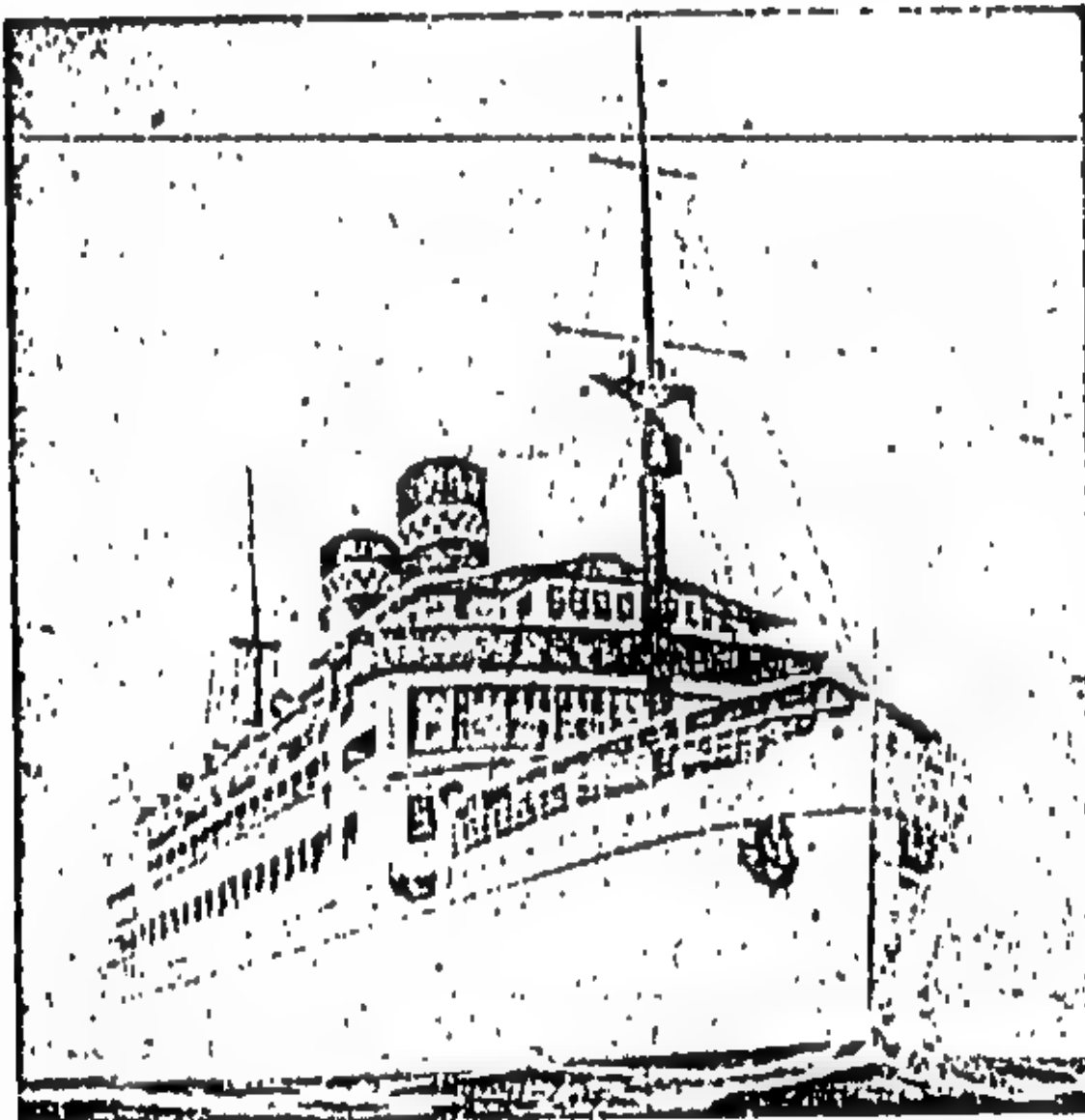
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THE END OF THE WORLD

CONSCIENTIOUS objectors appearing before the tribunals in Britain have revealed some strange religious beliefs and practices. One of the strangest is that of the body known as "Jehovah's Witnesses," and the Church of Scotland Home Board has thought it worth while to issue a pamphlet on the creed and practice of the sect.

One of their strong points is prophecy, and, like many other peculiar people, they are keen students, and expounders of the Book of Daniel and of Revelation. And, again like their prophesying brethren, they stress the early coming of the millennium, to be ushered in by the destruction of the world, and apparently by fire.

It is strange that this belief has not been weakened or upset by the frequency of the failure of such forecasts. For many centuries there may not have been a single generation in which the belief that the end of the world was at hand was not firmly held. The Early Christians certainly believed it. Time and again through the ages a great catastrophe would turn people's thoughts in that direction. Hallam tells us that in the tenth century an opinion prevailed everywhere that the end of the world was approaching. Many charters began with the words, "As the world is now drawing to its close." The belief persisted more or less widely to the present age, rising and falling for no apparent reason. In the middle part of the last century there was a strong recrudescence of the conviction, and the last war and this seem to have given it a renewed impetus.

One incident towards the close of last century gave a serious shock to the faithful and caused the Philistines to scoff. A prominent prophet made bold to forecast the very year in which the end of all things would come. That roused considerable excitement, but it died down when it was discovered that the prophet had taken a lease of a house for several years further on than that he had foretold as the end of time. The story may have been an invention, but it seems to have had its effect in damping down the ardour of the seers.

MR KESWICK DESCRIBES IMMIGRATION OFFICER AS BULLYING, ILL-MANNERED

FROM PAGE ONE

Previous to the men going on to the gangway, I heard Captain Thomas, of the American President Lines, call from the upper gangway to the lower gangway that the stevedores can go on board. He told the men to see that all the men produced their passes. This I heard Captain Thomas instruct his men. I turned to Captain Thomas and asked if he had got the authority of the Immigration Department for them to come on board. He said yes. Was I, so far as you know, within hearing when the orders were given by Captain Thomas, or during the subsequent conversation between Captain Thomas and yourself?—You were not present.

There was no reason to believe I knew of such orders or that the people had permission?—I don't think you knew anything about that. The order to the stevedores would naturally be given in Chinese?—The orders would be given to the No. 1 in English.

I sent one of my Chinese officers to give orders on my behalf to the Chinese stevedores or others, it would naturally be conveyed to Chinese to Chinese in Chinese?—Yes. "Oh, Yes, Rather!"

You don't think my officer would use literally the phrase "Throw him overboard"?—Oh, yes, rather! Apart from the phrase, there was nothing to suggest that I was a mentally unbalanced person?—It raged over some matter or other. That was the impression I got, and it made me and all around rather nervous. I knew that something had happened. I am interested in the good order on the wharves and ships whenever possible and the impression I got was that something had upset you very badly indeed, that you were a sick man and I knew you were overworked.

I have been reading my brain for the last few minutes to find an impartial witness. Several of my officers spoke to me after the incident. They can testify to my mood. If I called Mr. Clague, of the American President Lines, I cannot recollect speaking to Mr. Clague. Mr. Wilson was on the promenade deck and so was Captain Thomas.

If I say Mr. Clague was present at the examination of passengers immediately before and after the incident, you will admit that this impression of my mood is in place?—Yes. Mr. Clague had been, I know, inside during the examination. I did not go inside; I merely stood on the gangway. I did not know what was happening inside.

The Chairman: You wrote the letter to Mr. Paterson in pursuance of what you deemed was your duty and for no other motive?—No other motive.

Letter To Mr. Paterson
Mrs. A. O. S. Campbell, of Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., was next called. She identified a letter which she wrote on March 12 to the Hon. Mr. Paterson.

Following is the text of the letter: Early in December I had occasion to make enquiries from the Immigration Office regarding a permit for my house boy to leave the Colony for a short visit to his family.

I rang up the Immigration Office and was put on to a Chinese official who was quite unable to understand my request, so I asked to be put on to the No. 1 of the Department. After a few minutes the following conversation ensued:—

Voice: "Hello, darling, is that you darling?"
Me: "If I beg your pardon."
Voice: "Who are you, what do you want?"

whereupon I gave my name and stated my request only to get the answer:—

"There's a Postal Service isn't there?" to which I replied that I was aware of that fact but as my boy wished to leave the Colony in two days' time I felt it useless to write as my letter would doubtless take several days to receive attention. I was then told in a very aggressive manner that it certainly would as he had weeks of correspondence on his desk unattended to and "I would like you to understand that I don't appreciate being rung up in the middle of the afternoon." Such a remark made me extremely annoyed and I replied to the effect that had I been the person to whom he addressed his endearing remarks at the beginning of our conversation no doubt he would have been prepared to waste a great deal of his time. To which he replied very angrily "That's none of your business." I assured him that in the circumstances it was and that having asked a civil question I expected a civil reply—before the end of my remark the telephone receiver had been slammed down. (Sgd) D. Campbell. 12. 3. 41.

Witness Cross-Examined
Mr. Forrest: Do you keep a bank account?

Mr. Campbell: Yes.
And you sometimes have occasion to cash cheques?—Yes.
I don't know what bank you keep your account with, and I don't want to inquire, but assuming it was the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, would you ring up the Manager in connection with some matter relating to your account?—I did not ring up the Immigration Officer. I asked for the No. 1.

Surely the No. 1 means the Head of the Department?—I knew there were several departments and I asked for the Inquiry Department; I thought I would be put on to the Inquiry Department.

You took it for granted that the Immigration Office, established only a month before, was fully equipped with several departments as you would find in a bank established close on a century?—Oh, no.

You took it for granted there would be a special telephone attended by an officer whose chief business was to answer inquiries?—Yes.
You regarded any person, however busy, would give slightly more attention to his family than to outsiders?—I suppose he would.
That does not mean he would not explain to his wife or to a member of his family that he was very busy just then and could not afford the time to talk?—No.
How long before the conversation did your house-boy make the application?—Two days.

You knew from the fact that your house-boy spent a whole day in a queue outside the Office, that business was very brisk?—Yes.
Did you see the form he was asked to complete?—No. The boy eventually gave up all idea of going out of the Colony and wrote to his family to come to Hongkong to see him.

Inevitable Delay
Even if the application had been lodged a whole day before there would be inevitable delay to those waiting in the queue who had sent such applications?—Yes.
You have passed in front of my offices?—Yes.

You had seen the queues?—Yes.
It was common knowledge that the Immigration Office was extremely busy?—Yes.

You knew the purpose of the Ordinance was to control immigration?—Yes.
You don't take it for granted that permits would be issued as a matter of course?—I imagine that was the idea.

If that were done, there would be no control of immigration?—I cannot say.

The Chairman: I think, we are straining a little too far from the burden of Mrs. Campbell's letter. Her charge is that having telephoned to get a permit she was treated with rudeness and that is the beginning and end of her complaint. Isn't that right, Mrs. Campbell?—Yes.

Mr. Forrest: I was working up that point. I was continually rung up by people who enquired about their passes, visas, etc. In view of the numbers with which we were dealing everyday, it was perfectly impossible for the Head of a Department to remember individual cases or even to make on the spot investigations into the cases and Mrs. Campbell should have understood about that.

The Chairman: That I appreciate except that last bit. But again I have to remind you that Mrs. Campbell would not have made the complaint had you stated to her that you were extremely sorry that you could not deal with cases over the telephone and asked her to please write in. The charge is one of incivility.

Mr. Forrest (to Mrs. Campbell): How long did this conversation last?—Several minutes; probably two or three.

Gist Of Conversation
Therefore what you have recorded here could not have been said in that time?—It was quite impossible for me to remember verbatim every word said, but I have written the gist of the conversation and the remarks that stood out in my memory.

There was a great deal more said than you have recorded?—Yes.
Did I not ask you to write?—Yes, but the words were in my mind. There is a postal service, isn't there?

Are you quite sure that I did not before-hand ask you to write?—I am quite certain.

The impression you got from my conversation was that I was anxious to serve it as soon as possible?—Yes.
Don't you think it strange that if I wanted to cause the conversation to be a postal service, I could have banded down the telephone? The fact that I said something at all seems to imply that I must have explained to you that this matter could only be dealt with in writing?—Your remarks were in no way helpful.

Perhaps not, but I suggested that you should write?—You did but not in a manner which I considered courteous.

I am not here to argue but to suggest that you have not recorded the whole conversation?—Not the whole, but the gist.

Mr. Keswick's Letter
The Chairman then read out a letter written by Mr. W. J. Keswick, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, which was addressed to the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson and which was as follows:—

Dear Paterson:—As you are Executive Council I feel I ought to report to you the unfortunate impression the Passport Authorities created on the arrival of S.S. "President Monroe" on which I came down from Shanghai on 6th February.

At the outset I ought to say that my wife and I received every possible courtesy. On production of our special permit nothing could have gone more smoothly or easily.

There appeared to be two foreigners examining passports—one more or less learning the job while the other supervised. The latter was the worst possible type of small Government Official—bullying and ill-mannered. This grey haired clerk, who was in charge, made one feel really ashamed of British Officialdom—especially as he was an American ship.

There were several important Chinese passengers on board who on leaving Shanghai were told that transit visas were not necessary. The passport clerk referred to above (I believe his name is Forrest) demanded H.K.\$100.00 deposits from those without transit visas. Cash money as deposits was offered but he refused the cash and demanded drafts (how these were to be obtained on Sabbath morn in a Crown Colony he did not know). Eventually after he had been extremely rude, aggressive and in my opinion incompetent I had to give a personal written guarantee for two prominent Chinese gentlemen

whom I know. Why my guarantee for the payment of H.K.\$100.00 is better than H.K.\$100.00 cash still remains a mystery.

No doubt in times of war and immigration the necessity for the strictest possible regulations is necessary. But I submit that these can be enforced competently, firmly and politely and that the behaviour of and interpretation of the regulations by the head passport clerk who was on duty on "President Monroe" on this occasion added very little to British prestige in front of the Americans and Chinese whose sympathy it is so important that we should maintain. Yours sincerely, (Sgd.) W. J. Keswick.

Asked For Explanation
After reading the letter, the Chairman said: You may recall, Mr. Forrest, the constant burden of the telegrams in the past between the Government here, the British Agent in Chungking, the British Ambassador in Shanghai, and the Foreign Office, and I think you will agree that throughout, the one thing that was stressed was the sympathetic treatment of Chinese?—Yes.

The Chairman: We have here a letter from a very senior and responsible gentleman, and it is only right that I should recollect the terms of that letter to you and ask you to give such explanation as you desire. It relates to what happened inside on the same occasion as mentioned by Major Manners.

Mr. Forrest: In the first place, it is a complete surprise to me that any person has suggested any rudeness with regard to my conduct inside. It is a great pity that the author of the letter is not here to answer the questions I should like to put, but I should like to call attention to the fact that he seemed to know my name, but not my full position, which makes it very doubtful to my mind, and I hope to you, as to whether he actually gathered his information as to my identity on the spot. There was another grey-haired official present at the time.

The Chairman: I gathered from Major Manners that Mr. Burnie was the officer-in-charge, and that you were the other European official who visited the ship. It was common ground that you were inside taking part in the passport examination.

Mr. Forrest: I was endeavouring to teach Mr. Burnie as I had received complaints from the same company that there had been unnecessary delay in the examination of their ships.

The Chairman: Do you say that there were two officials there, one more or less learning the job, and the other supervising?

Mr. Forrest: I have since learned there were three. The other being a Russian sergeant in plain-clothes whose name is Korshoonoff, I believe. In any case, his information did not strike me as correct, especially as regard my official status, etc., and I would say that I had noticed myself at the time that Mr. Burnie's attitude was rather that of a supervisor. The reasons why the personal guarantee of Mr. Keswick, as soon as I learned his identity, was more acceptable than cash can be gathered from what I have said in my memorandum.

These Chinese gentlemen referred to were prominent ones otherwise I don't know, except Mr. Keswick himself. I hope to be given the opportunity of calling Mr. Clague—who was the only person not in my service, present at the time.

Bank Employee Testifies
When the proceedings opened this morning, Mr. J. D. McClatchie of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank gave evidence before the Commission.

Mr. McClatchie corroborated Mr. Kobza's statement of yesterday regarding the opening of a bank account. He said that Mr. Kobza saw him with the original intention of opening a banking account entitled the "General Agency, Immigration Office," but he (Mr. McClatchie) suggested that it would be better to make it the "Kobza Art Studio, No. 2 Account."

Mr. E. A. von Kobza-Nagy this morning told the chairman (Sir Alton MacGregor) that he was now in a position to furnish security to the Government which he had told the Commission yesterday he was not able to do. He handed a cheque for \$3,000 to the Commission for their inspection.

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest questioned Mr. Kobza about a dinner party given by the heads of seven agencies.

Mr. Kobza said he was not invited to the party, but later he heard that certain remarks damaging to Mr. Kobza and the general agency system had been passed at the dinner. He made a report of this to Mr. Forrest. It was also ascertained that the head of a certain agency had made a forcible attack on the general agency.

This agency had been struck off the list of recognised agencies because some 40 deposit receipts had been found to be forged.

Brave Greeks
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ATHENS, Mar. 26 (UP).—King George of Greece, answering the King of England's Independence Day message said, "At a moment when Greece struggles for liberty and existence, expressions of such moving sentiment are previous encouragement for the Greek people and the army who fight on the side of the noble and heroic Ally against the aggressor with the profound belief in a final victory."

It is reported that on Tuesday, Greek Independence Day was marked celebrated by heavy artillery fire. Close behind the lines, priests laid corner stones for new churches as officers and men, swarming to die for freedom, contributed 130,000 drachmas for construction.

JAPAN ON SIDE OF GERMANY

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in an interview with the German newspaper, "Angriff," is reported by the German radio as stating: "Britain and United States will always oppose Japan's constructive work in the Far East. Japan is, therefore, on Germany's side."

"We want nothing from the Americans and leave them in peace. They should follow our example and leave us in peace in Asia."

The interview is stated to have taken place in the train taking the Japanese Foreign Minister to Berlin.

Japanese Ideal

Japan will not lag behind Germany in courage and determination to establish the world on the basis of the new order.

Mr Matsuoka added: "The ideal, which is dear to the Japanese above all things, is embodied in *Nakho Ichio*, that harmonious world community with room for all nations, in which they can realise their wishes and fulfill their missions."

That ideal, he added, was the basis of the Tripartite Pact.

Met in Berlin

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, and many other Nazi leaders and diplomats, including Yugo-Slavia's representative, were at the station to welcome Mr Matsuoka to Berlin.

The station was specially decorated and the military Guard of Honour was mounted.

Herr von Ribbentrop later drove with Mr Matsuoka through specially decorated streets to the Bellevue Palace which will be Mr Matsuoka's headquarters during his stay in Berlin.

Matsuoka's Movements

TOKYO, Mar. 26 (UP).—The "Asahi Shimbun's" correspondent at Vichy reports that Mr Matsuoka, upon his return to Berlin from Rome on April 4, will summon the Japanese Ambassadors to Italy and Rome and also the "Charge d'Affaires" at Vichy for an "important conference."

U.S. Interest In Iceland Blockade

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The extension of Germany's counter-blockade to within three miles of Iceland and thus to the threshold of the Western Hemisphere was stated by Mr Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, to be receiving the attention of members of the Administration who are studying all aspects of the situation.

The German explanation that the extension was made because United States ships are alleged to be unloading supplies there for transhipment to Britain is contested by the Maritime Commissioners.

They declare that no American ships are sailing to Iceland and the only ships plying between the United States and Iceland are said to be six small cargo boats under the Iceland flag with supplies for Iceland.

Mr Welles also announced that the State Department had enabled Admiral Leahy, U.S. Ambassador to Vichy, for a complete report on the new food agreement reported to have been reached between Occupied and Unoccupied France.

Springboks To Stay In Africa

CAPE TOWN, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The question of the use of South African troops outside Africa was raised in the House of Assembly today.

General Jan Smuts, the Premier, stated that the Government intended to abide strictly by the decision taken by Parliament at the beginning of the war against overseas expeditions. If circumstances arose which, in the opinion of the Government, made it necessary to send troops outside the African continent, Parliament would be summoned.

General Smuts stated that the Government was entitled to use its troops in any part of Africa and would do so if necessary.

He added that no South African troops were at present fighting in Greece or anywhere outside Africa.

Generous Pledge

No Barbarity In Abyssinia

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Halle Selassie's famous proclamation to his people last July appealing for mercy for the Italians was published in its text in London today for the first time at the request of members of Parliament.

The proclamation promised British arms, "of which you are so much in need," and announced that the British air force was destroying enemy fortifications.

It proceeded: "I have notified the Italians in Ethiopia, who are now completely encircled, that they should surrender to save themselves useless destruction. Therefore, I charge you solemnly to receive kindly and protect those Italians who may surrender. Do not retaliate with the cruelty which was inflicted on our people, but show yourselves honourable, humane soldiers."

Captive Italians

"Do not forget that when valiant Ethiopians made Italians captive at Addis Ababa, they handed them to their Emperor without doing them any harm, thus earning for Ethiopia honour and a good name."

When the proclamation was circulated in the House of Commons, the Labour members, Mr Noel Baker, suggested that the Government publicly express appreciation of the "generous and statesmanlike policy followed by our Ally, the Emperor of Ethiopia, despite the many cruelties of Italians against his subjects."

Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, agreed that it "was a valuable document which should be read with all consideration."

JEWS REACH PALESTINE

Taken In Custody

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUCHARIST, Mar. 26 (UP).—Four hundred Rumanian Jews, mostly doctors, lawyers and engineers, who recently made a dash to Palestine without permits or visas have been arrested by the British authorities and placed in a concentration camp near the Palestine coast.
This is reported by the newspaper "Timpul" under a Constanza dateline which states that the steamer Darian II, flying the Panamanian flag, was seized while attempting to land its passengers. The Darian II left Constanza on February 15 with 890 Jews aboard from central and eastern Europe.

Newspapers In China

Using Native Paper

CHUNGKING, Mar. 26 (Central News).—Registered Chinese papers published in China number 555, according to Mr Peng Keh-chen, Director of the News Section of the Central Publicity Board.

Hunan claims the largest number of registered papers with 64. Szechwan ranks second with 56 and Chekiang third with 50. Sinkiang, Chinghai (Kokonor) and Ninghsia have each only one paper. Chungking, the wartime capital, has 11.

Owing to the shortage of imported newsprint, native newsprint is now used by most of the papers.

Altogether 212 radio stations scattered in the provinces of Szechwan, Honan, Kweichow, Sikong, Hunan, Kiangsi, Anhwei, Fukien, Chekiang, Kansu, Shantung, Yunnan, Hupei, Kwangtung, Hopei, Shansi, Shensi, Ninghsia, Chinghai and Suiyuan, are distributing news sheets.

There are about 110 war correspondents in various war zones and enemy "occupied" areas.

Quo Tai-chi Entertains

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Central News).—Dr Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador in London, was host at an informal luncheon yesterday. Among those present were the Belgian and Portuguese Ambassadors, Lord Listowel, President of the China Campaign Committee, Sir Walter Layton of the Ministry of Supply, Sir George Frankenstein, former Australian Minister to Britain, Lady Layton, Lady Frankenstein, and Ronald Storrs, well-known British historian.

DEMANDS ON AMOY British Member Takes Up Issue

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).

—In the House of Commons today, Mr I. C. Hannah asked for information regarding Japanese demands in Amoy and whether steps were taken to support the foreign administration against demands calculated to subject the settlement to Japanese domination.

Mr R. A. Butler, replied that the Japanese Consul-General in Amoy presented four requests on January 20, three of which presented no difficulty but the fourth was for the immediate appointment of six Japanese sergeants in the police force.

No Quorum

Consequently, three non-Japanese members of the Council resigned, leaving it with no quorum.

Since then the Council's functions had been carried on by the Consular Body.

Negotiations had been proceeding between the Japanese Consul-General and the British Consul-General in the capacity of senior Consul.

Mr Hannah asked: "Isn't the present position extremely unsatisfactory?"

No answer was given.

COMPULSORY INSURANCE

Covers All Homes

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).

—Under this scheme every British home is indeed a castle, declared Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, broadcasting to-night on the new War Damage Act providing for compulsory insurance of property and free limited compensation for destroyed furniture.

The Chancellor declared that the scheme amply covered everyone. It covered not only actual destruction but consequential damage such as that resulting from rain falling through a hole in the roof caused by bombs.

Those who had already suffered would be treated as if the scheme had been in force since the outbreak of war.

The Chancellor described the act as an essential part of our answer to Hitler. He added: "The R.A.F. over Germany are giving him another answer which will continue to grow more and more unpalatable to him."

JAPANESE AFFAIRS

Italian Envoy's Call

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, March 26 (Domel).—Sig. Mario Indelli, Italian Ambassador, called on Mr Chulchi Ohashi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the Foreign Office today and held a 30-minute conference on the international situation, particularly with regard to the relations between Japan and Italy.

National Service

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Mar. 26 (Domel).—Lieut. General Heisuke Yanagawa, Minister of Justice, has accepted the Vice-Presidency of the National Service Association.

Coal Mine Disaster

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Mar. 26 (Domel).—Dr Tsuneko Matsudaira, Minister of the Imperial Household Department, this morning informed Mr Kuichiro Totsuka, Governor of Hokkaido, that Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress have been pleased to make a Privy Purse grant to the families of the victims of the Mibai coal mine disaster.

Soviet-Nazi Trade

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Mar. 26 (UP).—The official news agency today reports that the first Soviet Vice-Commissioner of Foreign Trade, M. Krutikow, departed last evening from Moscow for Berlin for conversations provided for in the German-Soviet trade agreement.

Britain's Last Word To Belgrade

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).

—Britain's last word to the Yugo-Slav Government before the latter signed the Axis Pact was disclosed in a text by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Mr R. A. Butler) in the House of Commons today.

When signature of the Pact appeared imminent, the British Minister in Belgrade sent a note to the Yugo-Slav Government, indicating that Britain had been led to believe emphatically that no action could or would be taken capable of harming or making serious difficulties for nations upholding a cause which, she was assured, the Yugo-Slav people regarded as their own.

Entering Opposite Camp

"The British Government, therefore, are shocked to learn that Yugo-Slavia now suddenly contemplates signature to the agreement whereby she will not only abandon her neutral attitude but will enter the very system of Britain's enemies."

"If such an agreement is concluded, the British Government is bound to point out that in the light of recent history, the Yugo-Slav people will almost certainly be drawn more deeply into that system as time goes on."

"The history of the past 18 months has shown how little Germany scruples to honour the assurances that she gives."

Mr Butler continued that responsibility for the results of their present decision rests with the Yugo-Slav Government.

Commons Ask About Badlands

Butler Still Hopes

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons today, Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to a question by Sir John Wardlaw-Milne regarding the working of the agreement for policing the Badlands outside the International Settlement in Shanghai, said that after lengthy negotiations extending over several months, an agreement was signed on February 1 and came into force on March 15.

Mr Butler continued: "While conditions in the area have continued to be unsatisfactory in recent months, it is yet too early to judge what result the new agreement will have."

CHINA RELIEF IN U.S. BALL

\$5,000,000 Campaign

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Mar. 26 (UP).—Mr Wendell Willkie will be the chief speaker at the dinner opening the \$5,000,000 drive to aid China in the Waldorf Astoria ballroom on Saturday to be given by the Writers' China Relief Committee.

Mr Vincent Sheehan, Chairman, presides and other speakers will be Pearl Buck, Mr. James G. Blaine, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United China Relief Committee; Mr. Henry R. Luce, Editor of "Time," and Ambassador Hu Shih.

Sub-debutante ushers will be clad in Chinese robes. The dinner will feature a Chinese menu while the tables will be decorated with Chinese colours.

Mrs Vincent Sheehan will head the Women's Committee at the dinner.

Two Raiders Destroyed

Attacks In South

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Enemy aircraft, operating singly over the southern half of England, dropped bombs today, doing little damage though several houses in the west of England were destroyed and industrial buildings in two southern towns were damaged.

Casualties nowhere were large though some were fatal according to an Air Ministry communique.

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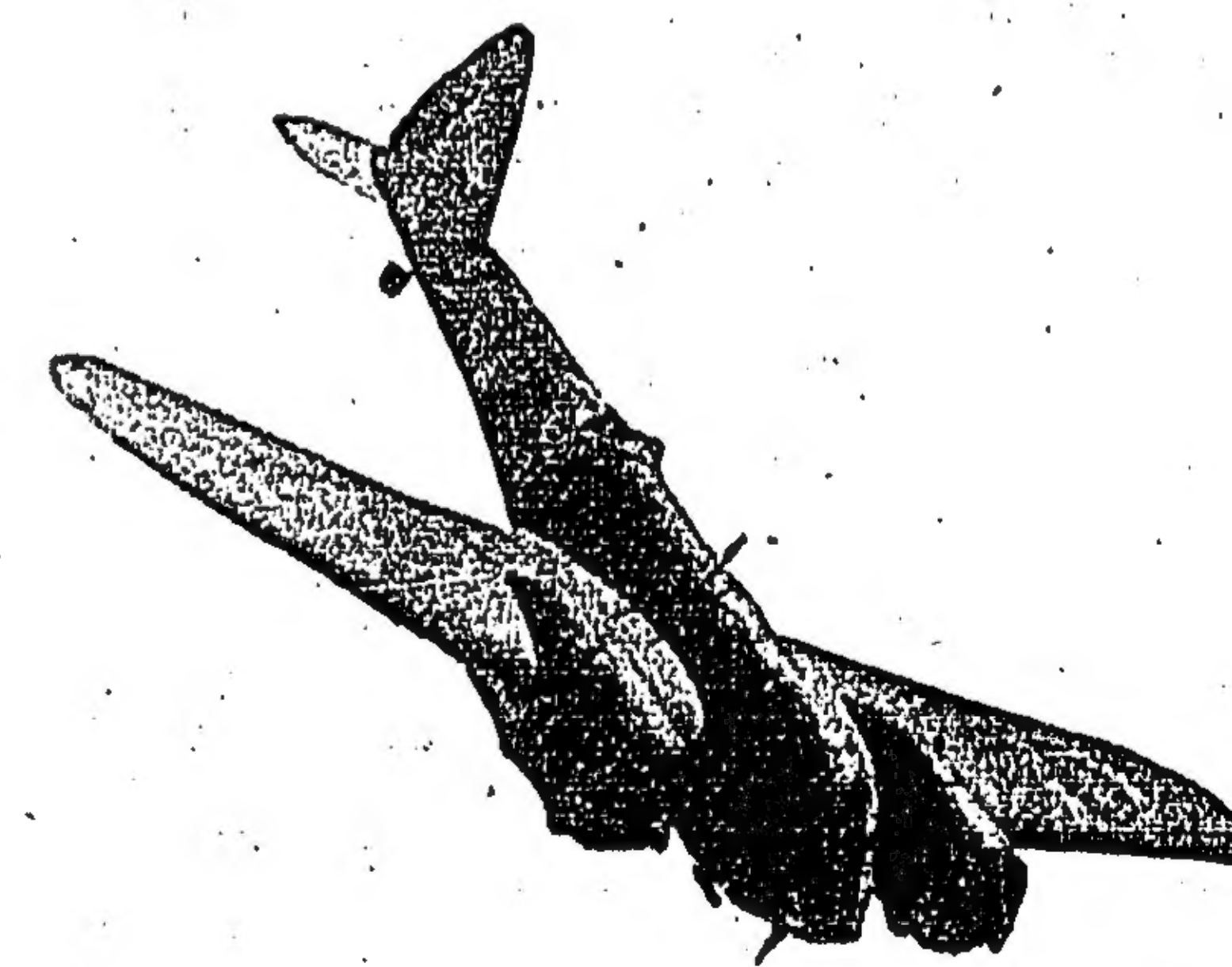
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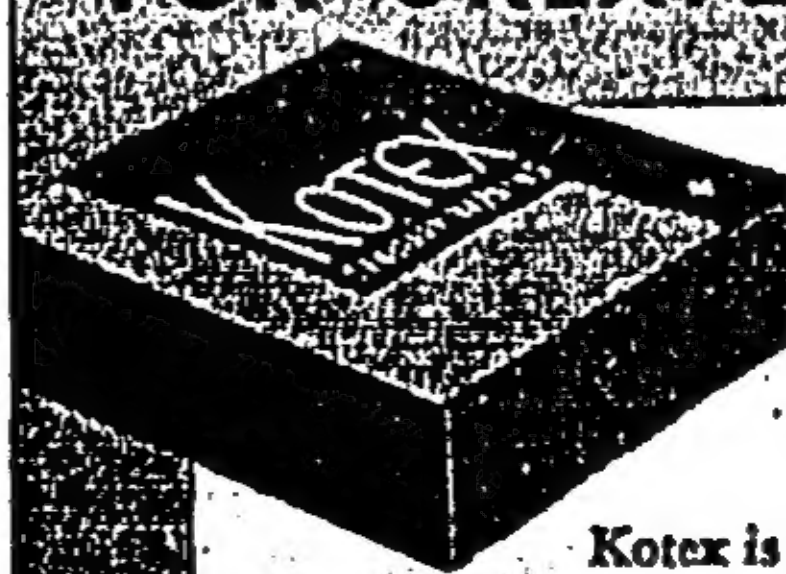
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Pictures just released of Wendell Willkie during his interview with King George—intimate study of personalities. Queen Elizabeth examines some wartime gifts of useful articles from U.S. and expresses her country's gratitude. Prime Minister Churchill inspects the Portsmouth naval base.

America's latest Flying Fortresses. Rushed by clipper plane, latest films show the British aircraft carrier "Ark Royal", which helped bomb Genoa. Prime Minister Churchill inspects shipyard. King George decorates heroes of the R.A.F. Etc. Etc. Etc.

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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

On Passing And Forward Combination

Old Tactics Improved: Hit-and-rush Methods Superseded By New

SHORT PASSING in hockey, which earlier players had brought down to a fine art, has, to a large extent to-day, been superseded by the through pass. This, in turn, is nothing more than the oldest style of hockey play—known as hit-and-rush—improved on a scientific basis.

So that we see little of the short square passing game that was so entertaining to watch.

The tendency has been to make players more individual than before, and the present centre-forward is generally seen doing rather more than the average amount of dribbling. This is to draw the defence, and make the through pass more effective.

But centre-forwards must not make themselves slaves of this new attack, but should use discretion in when to employ it, and vary methods as much as possible.

A clever defence, alive to these methods, can position themselves far more easily to frustrate them than they could to check a fast and clever line of forwards moving with the short passing game.

On wet and heavy ground, where defenders find it more difficult to turn quickly, the through pass has far greater chances of success, and here again generalship and brainwork are important.

Forwards In General

IN the Nineties, long passing, hard hitting, tapping the ball along in the air and the hit-and-rush methods were common. Then certain of the better known Clubs developed shots like the jab, the lunge, the flick (or push) and the scoop, and these were seized upon eventually by all.

This led to a much more scientific game—that of to-day—which on improved hard fast grounds has led to the suppression of violence by artistic wrist-work.

If the ground be heavy and clayey, hard passing is to be adopted with less of the push and flick. If the defence has the temerity to lie too far up, hit-and-rush tactics in sudden bursts will still pay.

Preparations

FREQUENTLY the captain or some player in the team will be familiar with characteristics of their opponents' play, and instruction in defensive or attacking tactics should be given and decided upon. The captain may even surprise his men by a sudden change of tactics if some star performer of either the opposition or his own side is off his game, for, as in the "nineties, offence is usually the most efficient defence.

Before a game, do not neglect to try the pace of the turf. Not by cracking the ball as hard as you can at the goal, but by having a player run up and down the field once or twice with the ball, being careful to hold the stick exactly as it would be held in the match.

There have been too many accidents through this insane hitting about in the circle.

Random Jottings

Bomber Fund Matches

THOUGH the H.K.H.A. have done very little this season in the way of games, they are, however, the first to run a tournament in aid of the Bomber Fund, and have beaten the H.K.H.A. to it.

The Ladies Seven-a-side tournament will take place at King's Park on Saturday, April 5. There are at least seven teams in the competition, and some keen tussles are anticipated. Enthusiasts will give them all the support they need—and all for a good cause.

ACCORDING to the revised H.K.H.A. fixture list, the only two unbeaten teams in the Tournament are Club de Recreio and the Police "A" and they will meet next Sunday.

It is rumoured, however, that the Police are anxious to meet Recreio in their final match, with the fixture to be played in aid of the Bomber Fund. Should this materialise, next Sunday's game will be postponed.

It is a splendid idea, and the Police should take further steps to make the match a success.

IT is about time the H.K.H.A. held a meeting to discuss the International Tournament. I would also suggest that the final game he played in aid of the B.W.O.F.

The Association, so far, have done nothing for charity, and this is a time when it could be done. Since the ladies have taken the initiative, they will probably follow suit. It is about time they did.

Tournament Tennis

Umetani-Pagh Match Again Unfinished

(By "Tinker")

RECALLING the great struggle some years ago between H. D. Rumjahn and Tsui Yan-pui in the Open Singles semi-finals, M. Pagh and O. Umetani were again unable to reach a decision in their Open Singles match at the Hongkong C. C. yesterday. Their first match was abandoned when each had won one set. Yesterday the scores were (Pagh first) 6-4, 3-6, 11-11.

Results of other games in the Open Singles were:
Fung Yee-pui beat Kenneth Lo 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.
L. Shields Goodman beat C. Dunne 6-0, 6-1.

Nearly everyone was certain that Pagh was going to win the third set when he led 4-1, but the Japanese climbed to 4-all. Pagh again went into the lead—in fact he was always in the lead throughout the set—at 5-4, but with unflinching regularity each lost his service game and finally the match closed at 11-all.

Umetani commenced in the first set with an attacking game, and in this the tennis, was the most sparkling of the three. Pagh, who is essentially a baseline player with no volley worth mentioning, kept Umetani on the baseline, too, for on the few occasions that the Japanese advanced Pagh passed him down the side with his accurate forehand.

Weaknesses

BOTH players were weak but steady on the backhand, and consequently both endeavoured to concentrate in that direction.

Many points were lost through weak and silly returns, and, in fact, far more points were won on mistakes than through winners. But the match, nevertheless, was interesting throughout.

In the second set Umetani adopted a more cautious game, and waited for Pagh to make the mistakes—which he did.

Cautious Tactics

AT the commencement of the third, Umetani again essayed to be a little more forceful, and in a very short while he was 1-4 down. Cautious tactics were then adopted, and the Japanese proved to be the staidier. Pagh was ever trying to force for those vital points, especially when he was leading 4-1, 4-2 and 4-3, and only by the smallest margin did he fall.

The light was becoming bad. The balls were about the same colour as the court, and there were many faulty decisions from the linesmen and umpires. One was especially bad, in that it gave Pagh a game when the score should have been deuce.

When the score was 10-all, and when Umetani had developed a cramped, new balls were produced for the last two games, and it was something that should have been done at the beginning of the third set.

It would have been unfair on either player to have continued in the then



Winners of the Scratch Fours at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club Spring regatta at Deep Water Bay on Sunday. The team: L. P. Ralph, J. C. McDougall, K. B. Nelson, J. Moodie (stroke) and D. B. Nelson (cox).—Ming Yuen.

H.K.H.A. Tournament

Police "A" Maintain Unbeaten Record

POLICE "A" maintained their unbeaten record at Lyemun last Sunday, when they met the 5th A.A. Battery "A" in a scoreless draw. The respective defences, as the score indicates, were usually on top, but both forward lines in turn missed scoring chances.

Play was exceedingly fast on a dry hard ground, and the Aek-Aek's, who had the better team, were only foiled by some fine goal-keeping by Narayan Singh.

In the first twenty minutes, the Police forwards pressed for long periods without success, although Howlett and Teja Singh went close. Clague, on the right wing for the Gunners, made some brilliant runs

Tournament Table

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Police "A"	11	9	—	2	38	4	20
Recreio	10	9	—	1	39	8	19
C.B.A.	12	9	2	1	39	14	19
Police "B"	13	8	4	1	25	16	17
5th A.A. "A"	13	7	4	2	28	20	16
Khalisa	11	7	3	1	34	12	15
Nomads	9	6	3	—	20	18	12
R. Engineers	11	6	5	—	47	14	12
R. Signals	11	6	5	—	23	14	12
A.N. Officers	12	6	6	—	20	24	12
Universally	10	2	8	—	6	36	4
Gunboats	11	2	9	—	10	35	4
5th A.A. "B"	8	1	7	—	12	28	2
Destroyers	10	1	9	—	3	39	2
2nd M.T.B.s	11	1	10	—	8	61	2

down the line but his shooting was poor, and Blackburn, on most occasions, had the better of him.

The concluding half saw the Aek-Aek's on the attack, but they could not penetrate a stout defence, though they were seen in several breakaways.

Fine Goal-Keeper

NARAYAN SINGH, in goal, was a rare stumbling block which the Battery could not overcome. His cool clearances on three occasions saved the side from defeat.

The Police halves were seldom seen to advantage. Leslie was hurt early in the game, and Gough as pivot was slow. It was fortunate that Hayward, on the left, was up to scratch and he kept a good eye on the speedy Khuda Bux.

Teja Singh was the best of the forwards, and Narayan Singh, playing his second game, proved a useful left winger. Man Singh, at right back, gave a useful display.

Better Defence

IN a game of rather few notable incidents, the all-round ability of Narayan Singh, the Battery's centre-half, was outstanding. Of three good halves, he was the best, and he added many a movement in the bud. He fed his forwards with well-placed flick passes, and was always up in support.

Amar Singh and M. Khan defended cleverly at back. Khuda Bux and Nur Khan were dangerous forwards, though the former was too individualistic at times.

In my estimation, Police were lucky in forcing a draw, and will have to give a better show if they hope to beat the Club de Recreio, who have only lost one point.

To-day's Matches

Matches to-day are:

OPEN SINGLES

Fung Yee-pui v. Paul Kong.
I.M.A. Razack v. S. Y. Tong.

OPEN DOUBLES

George Choa and A. V. Remedios
v. O. Umetani and T. Imura.

League Soccer

Kwong Wah Defeat Navy In Second Division

KWONG WAH gained a deserved victory over the Royal Navy at Boundary Street yesterday, when they won 4-1 in a Second Division football match.

Goal scorers for Kwong Wah were Lee Yam-leung (2), Leung Chi-lup and Leung Bing-kun.

Third Division

At Happy Valley, 30th Battery beat Sing Tao 3-2.

The Gunners scored through Hill (2) and Webber, while Sing Tao registered through Chang Moon-wing and Sin Yau-sang.

very bad light, for a victory under those conditions would hardly have been satisfactory. But the question of linesmen and umpires again raises itself.

Yesterday, no blame could be attached to the umpire. He was in great difficulty with the light and the deceptive colour of the balls. But errors arose from having baseline judges give decisions on the sidelines too. It was because of this that the aforementioned point went to the wrong side.

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Ethiopian Insurgents Capture Vital Forts

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 26 (UP).—Despatches from Khartoum reveal that Abyssinian insurgents, led by a blackbearded fighting priest, have at present cut the key road linking the Italian stronghold at Gondar with Asmara, the capital of Eritrea, along which heavy reinforcements were recently sent to the beleaguered town of Keren.

The Ethiopians cut the road by taking the Italian forts on both sides of the River Takazze; thus, the supporters of the Negus, for the first time, have penetrated Ethiopia, cut the wealthy northern province of Tigre and virtually encircled Gondar. The road is so important, however, the Italians are expected to make strong counter-attacks, but even if they should succeed in recapturing the road, the insurgent warriors will continue to operate close enough to ambush any convoys.

The main road from Gondar to Addis Ababa via Debramarcos has already been cut by insurgents operating from Gollama province. The only other link with Gondar is an outside track leading north of Lake Tana via Debraabore, but even this is endangered as the revolt is spreading in the Beghamidre province. A fighting priest who wears an amber necklace recently returned to the front from a visit to the Negus. He became an irreconcilable foe of the Italians after his church had been burned.

Chinese Retake Kaoan City Causing Heavy Casualties

KAOAN, Mar. 26 (Central News).—Following the recapture of Chuankong, Tuengh, Chukiang, Hwelfow, Shihlowai and other strategic points in northern Kiangsi, Chinese forces yesterday evening smashed their way into Kaoan and recaptured the city. The Japanese abandoned more than 2,000 dead and large quantities of arms. Besides dispatching crack units to pursue the fleeing Japanese, the Chinese authorities are instituting immediate relief and rehabilitation measures in Kaoan. Meanwhile, as a result of the mop-up operations carried out by the Chinese during the past few days, the Chukiang-Tuengh area is now cleared of Japanese stragglers. The main Chinese force is pushing vigorously toward Nanchang.

Other Successes
SOUTH KIANGSU, Mar. 26 (Central News).—As a result of sanguinary fighting during the past week, the Japanese offensive on the Kiangsu-Chekking border has been shattered with more than 3,000 casualties. In a surprise attack on Changling, strategic west Chekking city, Chinese troops yesterday recaptured Lin-chungling south-west of Changling. A signal success has also been scored in the Ting area where the Japanese have been ejected from Changtu, strategic town north-west of Iking, and are falling back on the latter city. Chinese troops yesterday broke into Liyang, important Japanese stronghold on the Kiangsu-Chekking border.

Canadian Budget

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
OTTAWA, Mar. 26 (UP).—The House of Commons to-day passed and sent to the Senate the \$1,300,000,000 war appropriations bill. It has been debated almost without interruption since February 18 and represents the largest sum ever introduced in the Canadian House of Commons.

NEAR EAST Turkey's Interests Same As Allies

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Turkey has an absolute community of interests with Britain. This declaration was made to-day by Dr Refet Canitez, Vice-President of the Turkish National Assembly, broadcasting from Ankara. Bulgaria, he said, had surrendered her independence while Greece, "who is our neighbour and friend, has been fighting against the aggressor with a heroism which would be the envy of mythological heroes." The Anglo-Turkish alliance, he continued, had thus far kept the peace in the Near East but the "danger has now penetrated into our zone of security and has assumed an extent which constitutes a threat to our existence. On the day that our security is encroached upon, the Near East will be transformed into a battle-field."

NARCOTICS USE GROWING

—Occupied Area
CHUNGKING, Mar. 26 (Central News).—Narcotics trading by the Japanese in the "occupied" areas has become more serious than ever before, reports received by the Ministry of Interior from the local authorities indicate. No sooner do Japanese troops enter a town, county or village than Japanese and Korean rump begin to establish cigarette stores which actually sell heroin, morphine and other narcotic drugs. The Chinese civilians are induced to take drugs by all possible methods. As a result, there is an alarming increase of addicts. Meanwhile, Chinese farmers are forced to plant poppy. In Honan province alone flourishing poppy-fields are found in all "occupied" areas. In Tsinan and other places healthy Chinese are often arrested on charge of harbouring "dangerous thoughts" while drug addicts are let alone.

SPAIN'S NEED OF FOOD

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The food situation in Spain is very serious and both Britain and America would be very glad to allow wheat shipments to go to Spain. This statement was made to "Reuter's" to-day by an official of the British Ministry of Economic Warfare. Asked whether the French Government had thanked Britain for allowing food to go to France, the official replied that a recent Vichy broadcast had said something to the effect that the needs of Unoccupied France were now being met.

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8.02 Some Welsh Songs.
8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.
8.30 A Chopin Programme.
9.0 London Relay—The News.
9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."
9.30 Mazyari Imri and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
9.45 Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Evelyn Laye (Soprano).
9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.0 London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things."
10.15 Variety and Dance Music.
11.0 Close down.

LONDON, Mar. 26 (British Wire- less).—British night fighter pilots wear green goggles in a dimly lit room for a period before going out on night patrol. By this means they render their eyes receptive to illumination so faint as to be invisible to ordinary sight.

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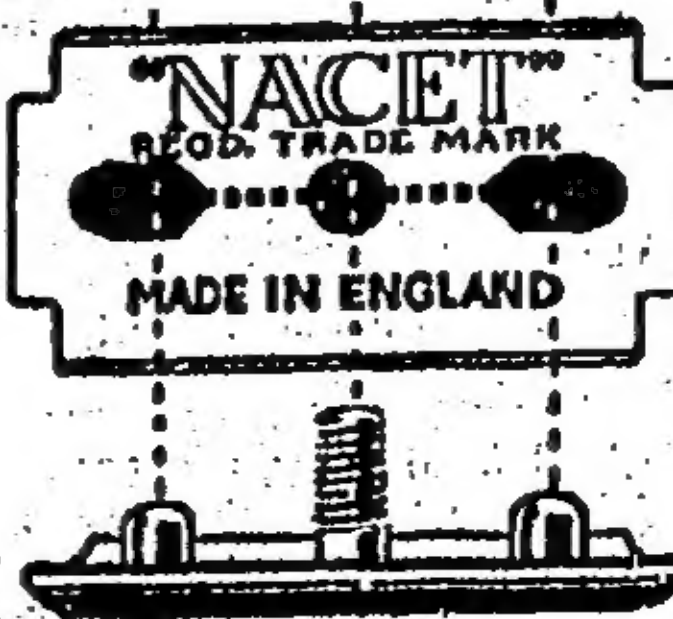
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Bombing Attacks On Enemy Shipping

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Some of the exploits of the aircraft of the Bomber and Coastal Commands in attacks on enemy shipping to-day and yesterday are revealed in an Air Ministry communique.

A small enemy convoy was intercepted and bombed yesterday off the Dutch coast by Bomber Command aircraft.

In another attack off Holland an anti-aircraft ship was damaged and near Borkum a naval patrol was bombed.

Yesterday Coastal Command aircraft attacked and scattered several enemy mine-sweepers.

To-day, a pilot of the Coastal Command sank an enemy supply ship.

From these operations one aircraft is missing.

Serbian Protes Movement Grows

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air by the Secretary for India. Mr L. S. Amery, to-right.

"It is not too late," he explained, "to keep the national spirit alive. It was the duty of the Yugo-Slav Government before the Pact was ratified to consult their people, who regarded the signing of the Pact as a betrayal of honour and independence."

"What will be your position when Britain has won as she will win?" asked Mr Amery.

"Even Hitler cannot prevail against England and America together," he said.

Swiss Comment

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The Swiss Press Bund on March 25 said: "Yugo-Slavia's adherence to the Three Power Pact does not so much mean her recognition of the new European Order as official recognition of Yugo-Slavia by the states forming part of the new order."

The "National" on the same day stated: "One can no longer help feeling that the rush to join the Three Power Pact is not exactly impressive and that it is more the result of strategic and geographic situation of the states involved than an expression of honest enthusiasm at incorporation in the hierarchy of states in which small peoples must serve the political and military necessities of the leading great powers."

Demonstrations Continue

NEW YORK, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—It is reported from Belgrade that demonstrations are continuing to-night in the capital as well as in many other parts of the country.

Demonstrators in Belgrade are demanding a Yugo-Slav understanding with the Soviet. The Police are making repeated attempts to restore order.

Reports are reaching Belgrade that demonstrations are occurring at Sarajevo, Ragusa, Lubljana and Valuvo.

BRITAIN MAKES READY FLEET

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In the Mediterranean, except the far western area. This possibly indicates that the British Expeditionary Force movement into Greece has been completed.

Italian Boast

ROME, Mar. 26 (UP).—Writing from Tirana, Signor Roberto Farinacci, owner and editor of the "Regime Fascista" of Carmona, hints that German troops in Bulgaria are preparing to march on Greece.

He asserted, "Spring is full of promises for us in the fighting on the Greco-Albanian frontier and for our German brothers who are lined up on the Greco-Bulgarian border."

He declared that Italian troops in North Africa were counter-attacking along the entire front with the Germans, adding that the "much heralded British blockade of the Mediterranean has proved to be full of gaps as Italian convoys have succeeded in transporting troops and supplies to Libya undisturbed."

How R.A.F. Are Blasting Reich

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stations where an ammunition train was involved with unfortunate results to the surrounding district.

Near a goods station, a direct hit was obtained on the central field Post Office for the German Army of Occupation in France, necessitating its removal to Stuttgart.

As a result of the attacks, concluded the official, all railway traffic had to be diverted from the Mannheim area through Karlsruhe and is likely to be overloaded.

Meat Rations To Be Reduced

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 26 (UP).—The Ministry of Food to-day announced that the meat ration will be reduced from 12d per person per week to 10d per person per week beginning March 31. Children's rations will be reduced from 7d to 6d per child per week.

LATE NEWS

Convoys In North Sea

Drive Off Attacks

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—British light naval forces in operation in the North Sea during the last few days have driven off attacks on convoys by German E-boats.

Several E-boats, states an Admiralty communique, were seen to be hit and it is probable that some failed to return to their base.

No damage or casualties were sustained either by the British naval ships or the merchant ships in the convoys attacked by the E-boats.

Messerschmitt Down

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that a German aircraft was shot down yesterday while attempting to attack a convoy in the North Sea.

The German aircraft, a Messerschmitt 110, was hit in the nose by guns of H.M.S. Versaille (Commander J. H. Jauncey, R.N.).

No damage or casualties were sustained either by the Versaille or by the convoy.

A Chinese junk, the Shek Po-so, 30, has been brought to hospital here from Cheung Chow where he arrived suffering from gunshot wounds in the leg. He said he had received the wounds a month ago from Japanese who robbed his craft.

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